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BOER FORTRESSES

Being Strengthened Every Day and Army Increased

DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, WHO WILL START FOR SOUTH AFRICA EARLY IN JANUARY TO HELP ENGLAND FIGHT THE BOERS.

English Press Vigorously Condemning the Government—Boers Mounting Big Guns at Ladysmith—Marlboro Gets His Captaincy From War Office

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A correspondent of the Standard at Lourenzo Marquez says:

Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr Pott, a Hollander who is consul general for the Transvaal and consul for the Netherlands. Pott is the principal medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds in Europe. He controls the Netherlands railway through the Transvaal and is the head of the Transvaal customs. He is also head of the Dutch East Africa company and has the ear of the Portuguese government as well as the chief of each department. It is openly asserted that Pott has a private wire to the frontier and knows twenty-four hours before others what is happening. About him gather all the other consuls, the Portuguese officers and the German forwarding agents. If Delagoa Bay is not closed, the Boers will retaliate by raiding Portuguese territory."

The Standard says: "Lord Salisbury would be reluctant to bring pressure to bear upon Portugal except in a case of urgent necessity. Great Britain would prefer not to place herself in the invidious position of using force toward another petty country, and there is no temptation to raise another international question."

"It is satisfactory," says the Times editorially this morning "to learn that the Washington government is acting with regard to the American cargoes seized at Delagoa bay as we should have wished and expected. It is a matter of course that we shall make full reparation if reparation is proved to be due. In the meantime it may be noted, as the Americans themselves admit, that the facts are in considerable doubt, and that some of them seem to be rather compromising to the vessels seized. There will be time enough to talk of the law and the policy of the seizures, when the facts have been authoritatively ascertained."

According to a dispatch from Ladysmith dated Wednesday, December 27th, the heat then was intense, being 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. There were many cases of enteric fever in the town at that time but not enough to cause alarm. On the other hand reports from Boer sources on the continent assert that there is an epidemic in Ladysmith.

The Transvaal government according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners if Great Britain stops the entry of food by Delagoa Bay."

The British government now evinces a marked change from its attitude in the early stages of the war and shows a disposition to accept assistance from any quarter. The imperial yeomanry committee has issued a statement that the government considers the formation and dispatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation and has intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 501 to 10,000 yeomanry instead of the 3000 originally asked for. It is expected that the first contingent of 1000 will sail about the middle of January.

The government has announced that it will accept the services of a battery from the honorable artillery corps. When their services were first offered they were declined on the ground that the corps was not affiliated with any regiment of regulars. It will now be attached to the city imperial corps.

Lady Chesham and Lady Georgianna Curzon have issued an appeal for public funds to establish a field hospital for the yeomanry.

Cape Town dispatches complain of the inadequacy of the hospital arrangements.

It is now estimated the war will cost at least £60,000,000, and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years, in order to defray the cost.

PEACE TERMS

PROPOSED BY THE BOERS FOR ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Natal, Saturday, Dec. 23.—Mr. Winston Churchill, on arriving here, after his escape from the Boers, received a tremendous ovation. He says that from conversations with members of the Transvaal executive at Pretoria, he learned that the Boers began the war with trepidation, but that President Kruger is now confident Great Britain will soon sue for peace.

In the highest Transvaal circles, Mr. Churchill asserts there is serious talk of a compromise, by which Great Britain would cede the territory now occupied by the armies of the two republics, pay an indemnity of £20,000,000 and acknowledge the complete independence of the Transvaal.

BOER FORTRESSES

BECOME STRONGER EVERY DAY AND ARMY INCREASING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg dated December 23d says:

"Every day reveals some new fact regarding the strength of the Boer position at Colenso. Thanks to the services of continental officers, the character of the campaign has changed. We are no longer fighting a foe who rely upon guerilla tactics; but we have to deal with what is rapidly becoming a disciplined army, enjoying the advantages of knowing the country and of selecting the scene of contest without the burdens of a cumbersome commissariat.

"The Boers have converted the hills near Colenso into fortresses of immense strength. Everywhere they have splendid trenches, many of them bomb proof. Tramway lines permit the shifting of guns with astonishing rapidity. The main positions are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages, and the forts proper bristle with machine guns that command the approaches. Probably mines are laid.

"One hears less nowadays about Boer shells not bursting. Observers of the Colenso fight say the Boer shell fire was very effective. This is due largely to the fact that the distances are marked off with white paint.

"The enemy's discipline is improving. The trenches represent great manual labor, for which the Boers have a great liking and the way in which they strained their fire when our troops were advancing is another proof of improved soldiering."

Mr. Henry Spencer Wilkinson, the Morning Post's military expert, in his review of the situation today, says: "The time has apparently arrived for the nation to insist, if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon the admission into the cabinet of a military master empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administrator."

GOVERNMENT CRITCIZED

FOR THE GENERAL COLLAPSE OF THE TRANSVAAL CAMPAIGN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—During the continued lull in the military operations in Africa, the papers are filled with letters and articles criticising the government and the campaign and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like. The Times complains of "needless censorship and concealment." It cites the fact that nothing has yet transpired to show how General Gatacre came to lose six hundred men at Stormberg. The despatches from the front all represent the Boers as being in nervous condition and in constant dread of the British advance; but this is probably an exaggeration.

The Modder River correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives an explanation of a sudden rifle fire inexplicably opened from the Boer trenches. He says: "The Boers have wires stretched along the ground in front of the trenches and connected with lamps. If a wire be touched a lamp is extinguished. It seems that during the night a high wind extinguished a lamp which resulted in a false warning. The fire ceased when the Boers discovered that the alarm was false."

A correspondent of the Daily News at Frere camp announces that a tramway is being constructed from the railway to a hill commanding the Boer position and that along this line the British will convey heavy guns.

MARLBOROUGH

MADE A CAPTAIN BY WAR OFFICE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The duke of Marlborough was formally notified by the war office yesterday that his offer to serve in South Africa as a captain of imperial yeomanry is accepted.

The duke passed the physical test in the afternoon. He expects to sail at the end of January.

John Churchill, a cousin of the duke, and Lady Randolph's second son, now 19 years old, is accepted as a lieutenant in the same corps. Both young men are in high spirits.

The duke said to a friend yesterday: "In a month there won't be a Churchill left in England."

This was a somewhat thoughtless remark as in addition to the feminine Churchills, there will be his own two sons.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FUNERALS.

BLANCHARD—The funeral of Mrs. Henrietta W. Blanchard was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 63 Westford street. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives and numerous floral tributes testified to the many loving friends left behind by the deceased. Rev. Dr. W. A. Bartlett officiated and appropriate musical selections were rendered by a quartet consisting of Miss Crafts, Mrs. Hathaway, George E. Burns and Edward Wirt. The bearers were Messrs. William E. Mack, J. W. C. Pickering, Charles L. Hildreth and George W. Dutton. A. G. Cumnock had general charge of the arrangements. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck.

BROGAN—The remains of Patrick F. Brogan were consigned to their last resting place yesterday morning in the Catholic cemetery. The funeral left his late home, 47 Cross street at 8.45 o'clock and proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Michael J. Leonard. The pall bearers were William H. Kennefy, George H. Wallace, Joseph Bowers, Michael Rohan, Edward Cox and Joseph Fitzgerald. The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives of the deceased. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker O'Donnell.

BOGUS BISHOP

WHO WORKED HOLY CROSS COLLEGE IS WANTED HERE.

Henry M. Wilson, the confidence man who, as a bogus bishop, recently worked the faculty and students of Holy Cross college is well known to the police of this city, being wanted here for burglary of the home of a sister of Officer John O'Connell two years ago. At that time Wilson was a "grafter" following the Walter L. Main circus. He was later arrested in Manchester, N. H., but escaped from jail then.

LAUNCH LOST

IT RAN ON SYLVIA DE GRACE ROCKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—A special from Astoria says:

The steam launch of the United States cutter, Commodore Perry, was sunk by running on the Sylvia de Grace rock about six hundred yards from shore. The Perry was lying near Tongue Point and the launch put off with five men on board to bring back some of the officers who were in this city. Soon after striking, the launch began to fill. A fireman on shore read the distress signals and reached the wreck in a small boat just in time to take the men off before the launch sank.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 14th, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—George M. Cranston, Boston, $6; Thomas W. Mutaugh, Fall River, $6; Nathan B. Skinner, Lynn, $6; Calvin F. Richardon, Danvers, $6; Frederick W. Carter, Merrimacport, $8; Ervin A. Jones, Boston, $5.

Increase—Henry S. Upton, Nort Prescott, $6 to $8.

Reissue—Michael McDonough, Boston, $12; special Dec. 16th, George H. Healey, Stoneham, $50.

STOVE PIPE FELL

CAUSING AN ALARM TO BE SOUNDED THIS MORNING.

About 10 o'clock this morning an alarm from box 23 summoned a portion of the fire department to a tenement block on Lakeview avenue, owned by the McManus estate. A couple of children were in the house playing and the stove pipe in the room either fell or was pulled down. When the pipe fell it frightened the children and they ran out and had the fire alarm sounded. There was no damage done to the building.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

Christmas Drafts

Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.

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ASSAULT CASES

A Number of Them on in Police Court

THREE DEFENDANTS IN ONE CASE

Charged With Assaulting a Restaurant Keeper

Only one arrest was made by the police yesterday. The unfortunate was Joseph Ayotte, who in police court this morning was charged with being a common drunkard. He pleaded guilty and upon hearing the testimony of Officers Breault and John W. Fox, the court sentenced him to jail for a term of six months.

Judge Hadley was on the bench and a number of continued cases were tried.

William Clark and Annie Holland, charged with lewd and lascivious cohabitation, pleaded guilty and were held for the superior court, each in $300. The defendants were represented by James J. Kerwin, Esq.

Thomas Joncas, John Rogers and Edward Moran were jointly charged with assault and battery on Joseph Seymore. The defendants all pleaded not guilty and were each represented by counsel. Judge Pickman appeared for Rogers, J. Joseph Hennessey, Esq., for Moran, and William A. Hogan, for Joncas. Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., appeared for the government.

Seymore testified that he conducts a restaurant at 319 Middlesex street. He said he was on Middlesex street on last Saturday evening in company with a young man employed by him in his restaurant. A number of men were standing in front of the Eliot building, among whom the witness recognized Edward Moran, John Rogers, and Thomas Joncas and a fellow whom they called "Portuguese Joe." Witness knew all four. As witness and his companion were passing the crowd somebody pushed his companion which made witness ask if the sidewalk was big enough. As he made that remark witness claimed he was immediately set upon by Rogers who pulled a bottle from his pocket and struck witness in the face with it. "Portuguese Joe" Moran and Joncas then rushed at Seymore and struck him several hard blows. Witness said Moran struck him a heavy blow in the stomach which rendered him unconscious. Witness said he never did anything to any of the defendants but said that Rogers assaulted him about six months ago.

Eva Benson who said she worked on the stage, saw the whole trouble and testified substantially as did Seymore. She said said she was on the opposite side of the street when one of the crowd that had collected in front of the Eliot building pushed Seymore's companion and witness heard Seymore ask them if the sidewalk wasn't big enough. She saw "Portuguese Joe" Moran, Rogers and Joncas all strike the previous witness.

Cross examined.

Cross-examined, witness said she has been on the stage for three years. She does a song and dance turn and also a trapeze act. She went on the stage, she said, after leaving the state industrial school for girls, where she had been committed two years. Her circuit is a short one, including only five cent theatres of Lowell and Lawrence. The last place she performed was at the defunct Gaiety theatre in this city. She says she was in the burlesque and has not done any work since that theatre closed, two weeks ago, though she expects to start at Lawrence Monday. She takes her meals at Seymore's restaurant. Eva apears to be anything but a charming actress.

The young man who was with Seymore when he was assaulted and also was pushed by one of the crowd, testified. His testimony was substantially the same as Seymore's. He and Rogers struck the complainant in the face with a bottle, which he drew from his pocket.

This case was rested a few minutes, while the cases of Charles G. Erickson, Ellen Erickson, Paul Erickson, Augustus Patterson and Julia Patterson, all of Tewksbury, charged with assault and battery on Constable Lawrence E. Lynch of that town, were continued until Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the request of Larkin T. Trull, counsel for the town of Tewksbury. The case of Edward Moran and John Rogers, two of the defendants in the other assault case, for drunkenness in Tewksbury, was continued to the same time. Moran and Rogers were arrested in Wigginsville early Sunday morning, and at the station were booked for drunkenness and disturbing the peace. No complaint was made for disturbing the peace, however.

The Seymore assault case was resumed and three other witnesses were put on for the government, but their testimony was substantially similar to that of the previous witnesses.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; light northwest winds.

FR. MALONE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rev. Sylvester Malone, pastor of the Roman Catholic church of Saints Peter and Paul, Brooklyn, died at his residence today, aged 79 years. He had been in failing health for some time past and took to his bed about three weeks ago. He was a members of the board of regents of the University of New oYrk.

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MYSTERY SOLVED

Lowell Man Thought to Have Committed Suicide

A man who gave his name as Chas. P. Purington and claiming Lowell as his home, caused the people of the Belvidere section of Nashua no end of worry Wednesday. It appears that Pirington called at one hotel and left a valise and other belongings. Later he called and removed his baggage. The hotel keeper said he was under the influence of liquor. Wednesday night a valise and other articles were found on the banks of the Nashua river. The matter was reported to the police and before the hotel man was communicated with it was thought that a suicide had been committed. The Lowell man did not show up till Thursday afternoon to claim his goods. If he had appeared on the scene a little earlier he would have saved our-on-the-river contemporaries the trouble of quoting the depth of the water at certain points in the Nashua river and just where the most convenient point would be for a man to say good bye to the world and jump overboard.

MISS AMES TO WED

A Lowell Lowell Young Lady and Oakes Ames

TO UNITE TWO BRANCHES OF FAMILY

The Younger Daughter of Gen. Ames

Two branches of the Ames family are to be brought closer together when Miss Blanche Ames becomes the wife of Oakes Ames. The present relationship between them is hardly apparent, as both families are separated by nearly a century. Miss Ames is the daughter of General Adelbert Ames. She has a sister older than herself. General Butler was her grandfather and Colonel Butler Ames is her brother. The colonel and Miss Ames were much together on his yacht Amelia. She lives in this city.

Oakes Ames is the son of ex-Governor Oliver Ames. He is a Harvard man, a member of the B. A. A., Algonquin club, and is at present a student at Lowell. He is an interesting worker for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

FOUND IN PRISON

Local Inspectors Have Located Edward White

WHOM THEY SOUGHT FOR A YEAR

He Is in a Rhode Island Prison

Inspectors Lafianme and Allen went to the Rhode Island state prison at Cranston, R. I., yesterday and identified Edward White, a convict as the flower thief who worked this city in November, 1898.

White, while in Lowell went to Sheppard, the florist, and representing himself as the employe of a well known Belvidere family, left an order for $40 worth of plants which he represented were to be used at a social that evening and returned to the florist. He informed the florist that he could arrange the plants himself and that he might leave them in the garden. Upon the delivery of the verdure, White came around with a wagon and carted them away, selling them around in the neighborhood. He is serving a sentence at Cranston for a similar offence. His term expires on March 16, but the local police cannot have him then, for the police of another city have put in an application for him for the same old offence.

MISS WIER'S PAY

As Teacher at the Training School

SUPT. WHITCOMB EXPLAINS HER POSITION

She Will Teach Four Days a Month

The water board will meet this evening.

In regard to the services and salary of Miss Irene Wier who has been engaged to teach at the Training School Supt. Whitcomb says:

"I regret that the reports as published in the newspapers were misleading though not through any fault of the reporters. Miss Wier has been engaged to come here not over four times a month. She will teach and after school hours will give a lecture to the teachers of the school. Her compensation will be $10 per lesson with $5 additional for expenses. Many believed, upon reading the papers that Miss Wier would teach four days a week at $15 per day which is not the case. She may not teach four times a month that number being the maximum."

CONDITION OF LADYSMITH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Ladysmith dated December 22, says:

"The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise hill, replacing the gun captured in the sorties of the rifle brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out but we have plenty of provisions. The total casualties since the siege are 70 men killed and 236 wounded."

STEAMSHIP TICKETS AND DRAFTS.

Sold on the Cunard, Dominion, White Star, American, Anchor, Allan and Leyland lines, to and from Boston, New York, Queenstown, Liverpool and all parts of Europe. Drafts issued for $1 and upward on all parts of Great Britain and Ireland. English sovereigns and Canada bills bought at Murphy's, 15 Appleton street.

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Y. M. C. I.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR ENSUING SIX MONTHS.

Last evening the Young Men's Catholic Institute held their regular meeting with the election of officers. At the business meeting unfinished business was completed, three new members were accepted and five propositions received. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing six months: President, Walter F. King; vice president, John H. Conner; treasurer, Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I.; financial secretary, Eugene C. Queenan; recording secretary, Walter E. Kane; board of trustees, Frank Cassidy, James A. Flaherty, James H. Flood and Patrick J. O'Brien; literary committee, Bryne Coleman, William Conway, Jas. Duggan, John B. Kerwin and John J. King; marshal, William McLaughlin. There will be a special meeting of the festival committee this evening. Arrangements are nearly completed for the midwinter festival to be held by the Y. M. C. I. in Associate hall, January 9th.

DEATHS

PRINCE—The many friends of Mrs. George C. Prince will be pained to hear of her demise which occurred Wednesday evening at Hotel Oakley, Boston. Deceased had been in poor health for some months and had been seeking strength in Beverley Farms and Brookline and later in Boston. Mrs. Prince was universally beloved by all with whom she came in contact. Great sympathy will be felt for her mother, Mrs. Boardman and Mr. Prince who has been constantly with his wife. Deceased was the wife of George C. Prince, the well-known Merrimack street stationer. The funeral will be held tomorrow at one o'clock from her late home at 5 Simpson street.

WOOD—Sarah S. V. Wood, wife of Andrew S. Wood, aged 30 years, died yesterday at her late home, 598 School street.

THREAD GOES UP.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It was announced at the office of the Clark Thread company in Newark, N. J., today, that the concern had made an advance on the price of cotton thread to the extent of about 15 cents a dozen spools in common with the other cotton thread concerns. The increase in the price of cotton and the increase in wages in the New England mills is given as the cause of the increase in price to the retailers.

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Winter weight Cheviot Trousers, nicely make and wonderful value. Worth $1.75, for $1.39

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in Fancy Worsted Trousers. Made as well as our highest cost goods. A great variety to choose from. Worth $2.50, for $1.98

HANDSOME STYLES
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CHOATE'S ORDERS

To Inquire About Flour Seizure

ENGLAND'S RIGHT IS DOUBTED

Believed That It Will be Amicably Settled

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The seizure by British cruisers of cargoes of American flour in the vicinity of Delagoa bay has been unofficially reported to the state department, and the department has in turn sent instructions to Mr. Choate, our ambassador at London, to demand an explanation of the English authorities.

Until Mr. Choate's report has been received the state department authorities refuse to make any official statement. Unofficially there is no hesitation about discussing the seizures, the only restriction being that the names of officials shall not be used.

"The right of England to seize contraband on the high seas when consigned to a neutral port," a prominent official said, "is a doubtful one. Neutrals have a right to sell contraband of war to a belligerent, and that right carries with it the liability of capture and seizure.

"That right is recognized in the case of contraband consigned to the port of a belligerent; when consigned to a neutral port that right is more than doubtful, unless it can be clearly shown that the contraband was to be passed through the neutral territory to the belligerent's country.

"In the present instance, I understand, the cargoes were consigned to Lourenzo Marquez, a neutral Portuguese port. The English suspect that the contraband was to be shipped from Lourenzo Marques to the Transvaal. Their suspicion is probably true, but mere belief is not sufficient. Unless they can conclusively prove that the flour was intended for the Transvaal or Orange Free State under international law there was no justification for the seizure of these cargoes by English cruisers.

"The case of the Transvaal is unique. Heretofore, when nations have gone to war, they have had ports, and it was to those ports that contraband was consigned. It was then easy to intercept cargoes, and vessels in which contraband was found could properly be seized as prizes.

"But the Transvaal has no port, and all its supplies enter through a neutral port, which is open to the commerce of the world, but brings about complications. The principle is well established.

"In Wharton's international law digest, a standard American authority, you will see it stated that 'it is of the very essence of the definition of contraband that the articles should have a hostile and not a neutral destination. Goods going to a neutral port cannot come under the description of contraband all goods going there being equally lawful.'

"It having been shown that the property of neutrals to a neutral port may not be interfered with, and on the other hand, that belligerent has the right, to quote the words of Secretary of State Pickering, 'to capture and detain the merchant vessels of neutrals on just suspicion of having on board enemy's property, or of carrying to such enemy, such articles as are contraband of war,' the point involved is whether there is evidence enough, to show that, despite the ostensible port, the real destination was the Transvaal. It might be possible for this to be shown and conclusively proved, and in that case the seizures would be justified.

"However, I do not not apprehend the slightest trouble or friction as a result of these seizures. The British authorities will undoubtedly pay for all the cargoes they take, and I imagine it makes little difference to the ordinary shipper whether his flour feeds British or Boers.

"The state department is concerned in the principle involved. It cannot sanction the unlawful interference with American cargoes, and will insist that the rights of neutrals be respected.

"There is still another curious phase in this case. As I understand, while the cargoes were the property of Americans, the ships were British and sailed under the British flag.

"The right of a nation to seize her own vessels cannot be questioned. How far that right extends to the cargo covered by the flag I frankly confess I am not prepared to say at this time. It is a novel question, and one which will require much careful thought.

"It might be held that the cargo was British as the ship was, but I am not prepared to admit that without further consideration. All I can say is that I do not believe any complications will follow which cannot be amicably adjusted."

SCIENTIFIC CLASSES

ELEVEN OF THEM IN SESSION AT YALE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—The members of the eleven scientific societies meeting in this city this week conjointly with the American Society of Naturalists, gathered last evening for the initial meeting of the society in North Sheffield hall where Prof. Addison E. Verrill delivered an address on "The Geology and Natural History of the Bermudas" giving his own investigations in these islands. Previous to this gathering, most of the societies meeting here held at least one session during the day and several of them two sessions, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. A number of scientific papers were read and discussed at these meetings.

The reception under the auspices of the local committee for Yale university followed Prof. Verrill's address in the alumni hall, where the distinguished visitors to the number of several hundred were permitted an opportunity of social intercourse. Today the regular program of each of the eleven societies will follow out the program as announced. The meetings are all held in buildings of Yale University.

HELD IN $1000

MRS. SARGENT WILL APPEAR BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ellen Sargent, of this city, was arraigned today on the charge of causing the death of her infant child, by neglect. She pleaded not guilty and was held in $1000 bonds for the January term of the superior court, which meets at Salem. The body of the child was found in the river December 8.

MOORE'S LAWYERS PROTEST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Chief Inspector Watts today received a dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile, stating that Inspectors Houghton and Harris would be detained in that port for some time owing to a new legal controversy over the extradition of Fred T. Moore, the absconding assistant-paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce. The dispatch indicates that the lawyers for Moore have made another protest against surrendering the fugitive to the Boston officers.

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THRILLING STORY

Told by Crew of a Wrecked Boat

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Members of the crew of the wrecked whaleback barge 115, which went aground on Pie Island, Ont. on the northern shore of Lake Superior, tell a thrilling story of their experience after the ill-fated craft broke away from the steamer Colgate Hoyt.

Mate Lynip said: "About 11 o'clock on Monday morning the barge drifted ashore on Pie Island where the barge grounded, the land being extremely bold and rises from the water's edge 500 to 600 feet and even higher in places. The barge began to pound heavily and we were afraid it would knock a hole in the hull. There was a little life raft on top of the after turret and we used this to get ashore. First, two of the men went ashore and made a landing and then sent the raft back and forth until we were all ashore. The shore was a couple of hundred feet from the boat and quite a sea was running. Some of the men took extra clothes with them and in the party we had two leaves of bread and a shoulder of ham besides our pockets full of candles. There were some provisions left aboard the boat but we had not time to get these and could not have carried them if we had as the snow was so deep on the land. We landed in a small cove and began to climb up the steep bluff. We caught hold of roots and stones and the small evergreen trees which grew among the rocks and at last reached the top. We thought at this time that we were ashore on the main land. The snow was about three feet deep but the weather was not as cold as on the water. The first night we camped in the woods and the next day we started along the shore line.

"It was then we found we were on an island. As we followed the shore we came across a log cabin about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was without a roof and had a part of an old sheet iron stove. We had taken ashore from the barge an axe and some matches and we all started to cut some boughs and make a roof on the shanty and make a fire in the stove. We stayed in the shanty Tuesday night and it was here that the steward's feet were so badly frozen. Wednesday morning we could see the mainland about three miles away. We tipped the old shanty down and made a raft with which to get ashore on the mainland. The raft was not large enough to hold all of the men and sank knee deep in the water when we all boarded it but we started out and after drifting a couple of miles down the shore, making our trip about five miles in all, we landed.

"As soon as the raft struck the shore, it went to pieces. There was lots of snow on the mainland but we built a fire and camped in the bush all night. On Thursday morning we started out and walked all day along the shore to the west. Our provisions were giving out and we had about half a slice of wet bread and two ounces of raw ham each. That night we camped in the bush again and on Friday morning, after walking until 11 o'clock we struck the tracks of the Canadian Pacific railroad. Here we ate the last of the provisions which we had with us. At last we met two section hands who told us that the nearest town was Middletown, a mile and a half away. We reached the railroad station at Middletown about noon on Friday. The agent there did all he could for us, fed us, gave us a place to sleep and dressed the steward's feet. The captain then wired the company of our arrival and we left on Sunday for Cleveland."

HISTORICAL CLASS

OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A three days' session of the American Historical association was inaugurated yesterday with a good attendance of delegates from all over the United States. The speakers included Prof. H. E. Bourne of Western Reserve university, Prof. F. W. Williams of Yale; A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard; Rev. Prof. E. C. Smythe of Andover, Rev. W. G. Andrews of Guilford, Conn.; Rev. Dr. Burrage of Portland, Me.; all of whom presented interesting papers and at the evening session the welcome of the commonwealth was extended by Gov. Wolcott. President James Foote Rhodes of the association delivered his inaugural.

HIS FORTUNE GONE

Stahl Says He is Worse Than a Pauper

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The committee appointed by the creditors to investigate the accounts of Stahl & Straub, brokers, who failed November 23, reports that the total liabilities amount to $1,221,308, and the total assets $927,478, leaving a deficiency of $293,820.

These figures mean that creditors, the banks only excepted, can never hope to realize a dollar on the amounts due them from the firm. The statement shows that there is $832,944 due to the banks and that the amount is secured to the loaners by stocks and bonds estimated at the value of $861,547. The result will be that every dollar of these securities although there is a surplus of $28,603 will be wiped out in settling the accounts due to the banks.

There is $387,561 due depositors and customers. There is $66,921 left to pay this amount which makes the losses to be sustained by individual customers and depositors with the firm of Stahl & Straub amount to $321,343, according to the firm's own books.

John H. Straub the junior member of the firm, is under bail on the charge of embezzlement. His partner, Mr. Stahl, is missing and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. In an interview, Mr. Straub said: "One month ago, I believed myself a wealthy man. I thought I was one of the partners in a remarkably successful and highly respected firm. Today I am worse than a pauper."

19TH ENDS NEW YEAR.

Editor Sun: Dear Sir—Would you kindly inform me through the columns of your valuable paper tonight whether 1900 will be the last year of the (19th) nineteenth century, or the first year of the (20th) twentieth and oblige

Yours respectfully,
SUN READER

The year 1900 will complete the 19th century and on January 1, 1901, the new century will commence. For further information see The Sun of Saturday last and of Monday, Dec. 18th, for the facts and authorities on this matter.—Ed.

MORE GOLD SHIPPED

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Muller, Schall & Co. will ship $500,000 gold on the steamship Campania Saturday.

26TH. REGIMENT

Two of Its Soldiers Were Injured

COL. LOCKETT AVENGES LAWTON'S DEATH

Civil Marriages Allowed in Philippinos

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Gen. Otis at Manila, sent to the war department yesterday the following list of casualties not previously reported:

Killed in action, engagement near Benna, Dec. 11, 3rd. Cavalry, A. Harry Sweger, Chas. W. Fraze; action against Rouildon, Panay, Dec. 19, 18th infantry, Charles J. Feley.

Wounded—William J. Shorey, hospital corps, abdomen and head, slight, wounded and taken prison during attack on train near Angeles, Sept. 22, escaped during engagement near Mangarian, Nov. 28; action near Alimodian, Panay, Nov. 20, 26th Infantry, P. Thaces Russel Russell, foot, slight; H. John Nadeau, thigh, severe; 14th Infantry, A. William A. Hicks, arm, severe; action, Lagrange, Samar, Dec. 5, 6th Infantry, M. Payton, M. Womstock, slight; Reed M. Kenny, shoulder, attack on Ginignnan, Samara, Dec. 8, 6th Infantry D, Raymond D. Burbee, thigh, slight; William Huggard, both wrists, slight; advance on Sibal, Dec. 10, 4th cavalry, B, Lorenzo A. Declairmont, corporal, chest, moderate; H, Winthrop Richardson, corporal, thigh, severe; action two, Dec. 19, 25th infantry, E. Gish Wade, leg, slight; action near Tarlac, Dec. 19, 25th Infantry, Burt McCoy, corporal, thigh, severe.

CIVIL MARRIAGES ALLOWED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Gen. Otis has issued a decree authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines. He cabled Secretary Root to that effect yesterday, and the secretary approved the action.

Heretofore all marriages were celebrated by the Catholic church, so that Protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marrying. The decree does not interfere with the Catholics, who may be married according to their own rites, but extends the privilege of civil marriage to those who desire it, just as is practised in the United States.

LAWTON IS AVENGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—Col. Lockett, with a force of 1500 men, including artillery, attacked yesterday morning a strong force of insurgents intrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy was completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction.

Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed that the insurgents were those who were driven out of San Mateo on the day Gen. Lawton was killed. They numbered probably 800.

A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the steep trail through the hills and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party consisted of the 46th volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and the artillery, Col. Lockett commanding in person.

The rest of the command operated from remote points in an endeavor to carry out Col. Lockett's plan of throwing his lines around the enemy, and thus cutting off retreat. The nature of the mountainous country made it impracticable to execute this movement successfully.

After the insurgents began to run there was a vain attempt to use artillery.

SHARP ENGAGEMENT

WAS THAT IN WHICH MAJOR LOGAN WAS KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mail advices have reached the war department in regard to the crushing defeat administered by Wheaton's brigade to the insurgents near San Jacinto, early in November, in which engagement Major John A. Logan, Jr., lost his life. According to the correspondent of the Manila American, the 33d Infantry under Col. Hare, encountered a force of the enemy between San Fabyian and San Jacinto, and brought on one of the sharpest engagements of the war resulting in the death of more insurgents than in any other fight since the beginning of the insurrection. The battle raged for two hours and at its conclusion 77 dead Filipinos were found in the trenches. Many wounded were found hidden in the high grass and creek bottoms.

It is estimated that over 100 insurgents were killed in the fight. Twenty-nine prisoners and 100 rifles were captured. The Americans lost one officer, killed and six wounded.

The officer killed was Major John A. Logan, Jr., who was shot through the head during the first few minutes of the engagement while at the head of his battalion, which formed an advance guard. He was in the act of assisting a wounded soldier and was hit by a Mauser bullet, fired by a sharpshooter concealed in the top of a cocoanut tree. He died a few hours later.

ONE AMERICAN KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—It now appears that one American was killed in the attack upon the Subig garrison yesterday by General Santa Ana.

HALL DEDICATED

BY COURT CITY OF PITTSFIELD, FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 28.—Court City of Pittsfield, F. of A., the pioneer court of all Foresters in Berkshire county, dedicated its new Foresters' hall last evening with special and impressive services. It was a county affair and the Foresters from the four corners of the county were present to assist the grand officers of the grand court of the state in carrying out the ritualistic work.

The following courts attended: Waconah of Dalton, Osceola of Housatonic, Klondyke of Great Barrington, Ferncliff of Lee, Adams of Adams, North Adams of North Adams, Berkshire Circle of Companions of Great Barrington, Greylock of Pittsfield, and Mountain View Companions of Pittsfield. Fully 600 Foresters and Companions filled the large apartments of the court City of Pittsfield. It was in reality a reunion of all the Foresters of the county.

The new rooms of the order were decorated for the occasion, presenting a fine appearance. After a brief reception to the grand officers the dedicatory work was carried out, the grand chief ranger conducting the services, which were most impressive.

Chief Ranger John J. Flynn of Pittsfield court introduced the grand officers. Following the dedicatory exercises Grand Chief Ranger Fitzgerald spoke eloquently on Forestry. The grand secretary, Mr. Gallagher, spoke briefly, congratulating the court on its great prosperity.

Court City of Pittsfield was instituted Aug. 16, 1892. Its growth has been remarkable from the first and at the end of the first year it boasted 161 members, which membership has now attained 283.

MAHER'S ILL LUCK

His Little Girl Died on Christmas

HE HAS RETURNED TO TRAINING

The Betting on Maher-McCoy Fight

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WESTCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The first train yesterday brought Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, back to his training quarters in this place after a brief stay with his family in Philadelphia. Maher was very sad on his return, as the little girl born to his wife on Christmas day died soon afterward. The child was buried yesterday.

Gloomy as Maher was he did not forget his approaching battle. Donning a sweater he started out with his trainers, Peter Burns and Peter Lowry, for a jaunt through Westchester. The men who were accompanied by Maher's three dogs, ran across country to Fort Schuyler and then along the shore road to New Rochelle. The morning air was brisk and it was hard for Peter to get up a sweat. Peter, whose wind is fine, beat his trainers home.

In the afternoon a crowd of New York sports who have money to wager on the Maher-McCoy battle, visited the former's training quarters and watched him work. Maher spent two hours and a half in the gymnasium. After using the dumbbells, Peter sparred five rounds with Burns. Several times the Irish fighter had his man groggy. Maher then skipped the rope and threw the medicine ball around for a half hour.

Peter's foot work is fine. He is very shifty, and is all over his man when he least expects it. Maher has predicted that the battle will not last more than 12 rounds. His plan of fighting is to start and wear McCoy out early in the battle. When the "Kid" is weak Peter calculates on delivering his terrific right hook upon the jaw which will end the fight.

The sports who witnessed Maher today say that he was never in as good condition and that he showed well in a mix-up, and his wind is perfect. They were well pleased with him.

Billy Smith of Westchester, "Pittsburg Phil's brother, has placed $5000 in small bets during the last week upon Maher. Yesterday, Peter Burns, one of Maher's trainers, wagered $500 with John Schleck that his man would beat McCoy. Billy Williams placed $1000 against $900 with John Shea that Maher would win.

FIGHTING SUSPENDED

PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF GENERAL ROBERTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—In view of the apparent supineness of the British commanders in preventing the daily strengthening and extending of the Boer positions along the Tugela and Modder rivers, which are now considered impregnable, many experts here coming to the conclusion that the British have given up the idea of carrying these positions by assault and will await the transport and cavalry required to give their forces the necessary mobility, when they hope to be in a position to besiege the Boers in their respective plevnas, while Gen. Roberts carries out the original plan of campaign, that of advancing straight north to Bloemfontein; then the generals detaching sufficient mobile troops to reach their goals, by circuitous routes.

There is nothing in the official or best independent reports to indicate that the beleagured garrisons are in any special straits calling for immediate relief.

The latest advices from Kimberley, where a shortage is most feared report plenty of food.

An interesting feature of today's news is the patriotic offers of services from Indian princes. The Nizam of Hyderabad, replying to a toast proposed by Lord Curzon the viceroy, at a banquet in Calcutta, yesterday evening, said that the proudest title he possessed was that of being the queen's faithful ally, adding that his purse, his army and his own sword were ever at her disposal.

The Maharajah of Gwalier has asked permission to serve on General Roberts' staff and has offered to send troops, horses and a transport to South Africa. The government of France has appointed Captain Demange military attache at the Boer headquarters.

Many Cretans in Athens are offering their services to the British consul for the war in South in Africa.

NO INDICTMENT

FOUND BY THE GRAND JURY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The grand jury was discharged by Judge Cowing today after it had handed in a presentment in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company investigation in which it found no indictment. Five of the grand jurymen put themselves on record as opposed to the investigation. The grand jury said in the presentment that the time had been too short for the work and they recommended that the subject be given to next month's grand jury.

NEW MAGAZINE CO.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—The New York Herald company was incorporated here today with a capital stock of $100,000 to publish newspapers and magazines. The incorporators are Jas. Gordon Bennett, G. G. Howland, William Jay, William C. Reick, Eaton S. Drone, Thomas H. Hamilton, all of New York, and R. W. Chandler, Short Hills, N. J. Mr. Bennett owns 994 shares and the other six incorporators one share each.

HOLY INNOCENTS

THE FEAST OBSERVED IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Yesterday was the feast of the Holy Innocents, the day of all the church year, most precious to the little children in the Episcopal churches, and in all three of the churches of that faith in this city, Christmas-tide festivals were held, with trees and many gifts for the children of the Sunday school.

On account of the Christmas tree being held in the church, there were no special exercises by the children, but carols were sung by the members of the Sunday school, led by the vested choir, and the service comprised a few short prayers, the Nicene creed and the collects. The rector, Rev. L. C. Manchester, made a brief address, after which the beautiful tree, reaching from platform to ceiling was lighted, and the gifts were distributed. A "Farewell" carol to the Christmas tree was then sung and after the benediction a recessional hymn closed the service.

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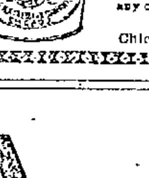

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THE CITY'S POOR

Interesting Reports Read to the Overseers

SUPT. WYMAN OF THE PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

By Supt. Wyman and Secy. Courtney on the Care and Needs of the Poor of Lowell--Some Valuable Suggestions Contained in the Reports

The overseers of the poor held their final meeting at the city farm for 1899 last evening and all were present except Mr. Hunt, who is out of town.

Previous to the meeting, a tour of the buildings was made, the overseers finding the same general excellence prevailing that has characterized Mr. Wyman's administration.

Secretary Courtney read a letter from a man named Handley of Chicopee Falls, who stated that he would like to be a candidate for the superintendency. The reading of the letter was received with applause.

Two pardons were granted and the secretary was notified to place two orphan children in St. Patrick's orphan asylum. Seven paupers requested their discharges.

Supt. Wyman's monthly report was as follows: Whole number of inmates, 337; admitted during the month, 52; discharged, 58; deaths, 5; births, 1; tramps, 109.

Secretary Courtney read Supt. Wyman's report of the year up to the present time, the year being unfinished until December 31.

SUPT. WYMAN'S REPORT.

Supt. Wyman's report is as follows:

City Farm, Lowell, Dec. 2? 1899.

To the Board of Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen:--In accordance with the usual custom I present, as far as possible, my annual report as superintendent of the city farm up to the present time.

APPROPRIATION.

At the meeting of the committee on appropriations held in January, it was decided that $42,000 would be sufficient for the expenditures of the city farm for the ensuing year. This was a decrease of $3?00 from the appropriation of preceeding years, but I am pleased to say that this sum has not been exceeded.

Owing to the increase in the price of provisions, the cost of maintenance per capita has somewhat increased; such staple articles as sugar, tea, have nearly doubled in price, while the cost of cotton, woolen, leather goods and hardware, has also been greatly increased.

The provision orders furnished the outdoor relief have really cost more per order than the amount of transfer.

Three thousand five hundred and forty-one provision orders aggregating $5155, have been delivered from the farm during the past 11 months.

REPAIRS.

The buildings are out of repair and there are a great many changes needed to bring the place to perfection.

On entering on my duties in January I found a great many of the farming implements not properly housed, wagons standing out exposed to the elements, and broken down carts lying in the yard. These I have put in thorough repair, and have housed all farm implements.

The cellar windows of the male insane department have been enlarged, fire escapes made accessible (as per order of the state board of lunacy and charity) a new floor has been laid in the hall adjoining the office, set tubs and a water closet in the basement, (as recommended by the state board.)

The room adjoining the nursery dormitory, formerly used as a store room, has been fitted up and is now used as an isolated ward for children with infectious diseases.

The men's hospital has been resloted, new mattresses have been furnished, blankets for the entire institution, shower bath for the women insane, bath tub and water closet in the female pauper department, thus saving old and decrepit women the travel of four flights of stairs, and a new fence has been built to shelter the greenhouse.

SUGGESTIONS.

We are greatly in need of a new piggery, more shed room for storage in the winter months, separate wards for consumptive, cancer and syphilitic patients, and the ventilation of the women's hospital should be attended to at once.

In fact, the institution should have a thorough inspection and needed repairs made at once to place the buildings on a par with other institutions of its kind.

STOCK.

On the 1st of Jan., 1899, I found there were 1? cows. Of these 10 were farrow, making the supply of milk very short. To make the supply equal the demand, 4 cows were purchased and the supply has since been sufficient.

There were also 12 horses in the stable. Of these one was killed (as per vote of the board) and a new one purchased, making the number the same.

WOOD YARD.

This branch of the department has continued about the same as in recent years. Two drivers and four horses are employed in the work and are kept busy supplying the demands made upon them. From Jan. 1st, '99 to Dec. 1st, of the same year, 3?33 orders of wood and coal have been delivered from this yard to the worthy poor of our city from the outdoor relief department.

Besides this 156 cords of wood have been furnished the school department, and 110 baskets of wood and coal were furnished the elections department. The sawing, as heretofore, is done by tramps who apply for a night's lodging, and by men who apply for aid and are able to work for their provisions.

Five hundred forty-seven dollars and fifty cents has thus far been accredited the out door relief for this labor.

FARM PRODUCE.

The hay and apple crops have been small, but other products have fully equaled or exceeded the crops of former years.

We have suffered greatly from the lack of male help, the supply from the police station for the months of June, July and August, being less than one-third of the number for the corresponding months of previous years.

The products are as follows:

Hay	71 tons, 5?0 lbs
Clover	8 tons, 2?5 lbs
Corn fodder	10 tons
Beets	126 bushels
Turnips	118 bushels
Onions	190 bushels
Strawberries	128 boxes
String beans	75 bushels
Tomatoes	500 bushels
Cucumbers	98 bushels
Green corn	258 bbls
Cabbage	5612 heads
Carrots	2114 lbs
Squash	21,000 lbs
Apples	11 bbls
Lettuce	55 dozen
Green peas	77 bushels
Poultry dressed	456 lbs
Pork dressed	6110 lbs
Potatoes	1957 bushels

ALMSHOUSE, 1899.

	Males	Females	Tls.
Remaining Jan. 1	166	238	404
Admitted to Dec. 1	281	221	503
Discharged	311	250	561
Number supported	450	467	917
Births	8	5	13
Deaths	23	12	35
Remaining Dec. 1, '99	136	211	347
Tramps Jan. 1 to Dec. 1			1203

WORKHOUSE, 1899.

	Males	Females	Tls.
Remaining Jan. 1, '99	26	31	57
Admitted to Dec. 1	66	38	104
Discharged	63	77	140
Number supported	72	96	168
Remaining Dec. 1 '99	9	17	26
Total no. supported	522	561	1083

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 1ST, 1899.

Appropriation		$42,000.22
Transfers accredited		10,[illegible]
Transfers not accredited for Nov		809.55
Monthly bills	$36,701.22	
Pay roll	12,050.58	
Bal. on hand Dec. 1	4,901.06	
	$53,678.86	$53,678.8?

Secretary Courtney read his annual report up to date, a most complete and interesting discourse on pauperism in Lowell.

After reading his report, Secretary Courtney stated that there is no department that suffers more under the present city charter than the outdoor relief. The department has to pay for Lowell cases outof town out of its appropriation, while the reimbursements from out of town go into the general treasury fund instead of to the credit of the outdoor relief department.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the secretary.

It was expected that there would be considerable excitement at the meeting but it did not materialize.

Secretary Courtney's report was as follows:

To the Members of the Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen: In accordance with the provisions of your rules, I herewith present my annual report as superintendent of out-door relief for the municipal year of 1899. The time does not admit of a conclusive financial report as the figures will not be in until the first day of the next month, but such figures as are possible to compute are hereunto attached and the balance will be read at the next meeting of the overseers in time to appear in your annual report to the mayor and the members of the city council.

The report for the present year differs but little in the matter of the business of the department from that of its predecessors. We go on yearly in the same rut, complying with and refusing requests for assistance and acknowledging and denying claims for settlement made by cities and towns against us. Our people without money become sick and insane, and we pay their bills while forces of circumstances resulting principally from sickness and death, places yearly in our hands large numbers of children whose care and maintenance become our duty. The provisions of the pauper laws of the commonwealth compel us to do all of these things as they have compelled previous board of overseers in the past. Successive boards of overseers of the poor have done from the first just as we are doing now and those who are to follow will go on, I presume, hand in hand with civilization and Christianity until the end of time.

While the current year undoubtedly shows marked improvement in the thoroughness of detail that marks the methods of caring for our dependents over those of 1889, still the actual business of the department was actually the same then as now. The intervening years have developed a system of caring for our unfortunates that is well nigh perfect; still during all of those years very little if anything at all has been done towards the entire removal of pauperism by finding out its direct causes. In our efforts to remove the evil tree of pauperism, we have confined our attacks to the ends of the topmost and overspreading branches, while the boughs and the trunk are allowed to gain strength and vigor from the unmolested roots which spread in all directions in a most fertile soil.

The evil is not only ever present but is constantly growing. It is greater today than it was 20 years ago and at that time it was greater than 20 years before. If it continues to increase with the incoming years with that proportion that has marked its progress in the past, it will soon become a menace to public progress. The passage of pauper laws don't decrease it any, in fact they seem to foster it. Prosperity in industrial channels put a check to it but fails to remove it entirely. No measure passed heretofore seems to have any effect on its progress and it grows on apace. What is absolutely necessary is to combat the evil at its very roots. It is the duty of the state legislature to appoint a board of competent citizens who will investigate into the real causes of pauperism and devise remedial measures for its removal. Of course it cannot be removed at once nor probably entirely. Still, if judicious measures will be taken, the benefits that will accrue to the entire public will be incalculable. If the efforts of the past century had been directed to the removal of pauperism instead of caring for its products there is no doubt in my mind that the number of public dependents would ever reach the high number it has at present.

What is radically wrong is the giving of aid, either on the outside or in the almshouse, to able-bodied, healthy men and women who are able to work. No person should be pauperized who is fit to work and the supplying of that work is the coming duty of either the state, county or municipality. When a city can furnish a means of livelihood to those of its citizens who are unable to earn more, then will the business of the pauper department be at a standstill and the almshouse will be looking for inmates. But the total removal of pauperism is hardly for our time and we will have to content ourselves with restricting its progress as far as possible.

The business of the past year in demands for out-door relief has not been as heavy as for some years. This may seem strange from the fact that the total amount expended will reach figures almost up to those of the last year or two. But this is due to the fact that more aid was given to many individual cases. Many people who were assisted but once a month heretofore have been helped twice a month this year. The demands have been less this year than for many years past. I am happy to be able to say that the present outlook gives every indication of a still further decrease in the out-door relief business. An idea in the falling off of the business in the past few months can be formed by a comparison of the business now and one year ago. At the last regular meeting last year, I notified the members of the board that there were then on the list waiting for assistance 84 applicants after the regular orders for the day had been made. We were unable to keep up with the demands. Today it is different. We are all caught up and have been so for the past three months.

Whether this is caused by the seven months of no-license or by the improved condition of the labor market or by both is a question that will admit of much argument, and I will leave it to you to draw your own conclusions. One thing is certain and that is that the applicants as a rule have been much more worthy people than heretofore, and their condition has not been attended with so much squalor and suffering. By this I do not mean to say that we have rid ourselves of all of the unworthy element this year. That would be impossible as they are as much a part of the department as the overseers themselves. They are always in evidence and are the direct creators of all of the disgusting scenes that are incidental to life in the slums. To rid that class of pauperism is a task that borders on the impossible. In 90 per cent. of such cases, it is an heirloom that is bred in the bone, and descends to successive generations with a certainty that is remarkable. Our books go back to 1833, and in them can be traced the family history of the majority of the chronic cases of today. This only goes to show the futility of the laws in the decreasing of pauperism. It is an axiom among pauper officials the country over that once a family becomes a chronic pauper, they seldom get away from it again and their progeny constantly appear for different kinds of help.

The closeness of poverty to crime is the great blot on our social system. They are so closely allied as to be well nigh inseparable and one is a great producer of the other. Poverty apart from crime brings to the department a class of worthy applicants, to help whom is a pleasure and from whom there is never any trouble. Their poverty, the result of sickness or inability to get work is generally of short duration and is never an imposition on the public funds. Against this class no words of condemnation ever comes from this office, nor were any ever intended. I highly esteem and appreciate the privilege given me to be able to lighten their load somewhat and to assist them over the troublesome places in their journey. In my dealings with this class, I have always endeavored to show them that consideration which I feel that the members of this board, both collectively and individually, would have me show. They are the ones for whom out-door relief was originally intended and by good rights should be the ones to receive it.

It is from poverty connected with crime where our troubles originate. This kind of poverty breeds that large class of chronic paupers who are a disgrace to civilization and an insult to Christianity. They are common to every pauper department throughout the state and are the decayed layer in life's social strata. Huddled together in wretched hovels, they go through life intent only on satisfying the cravings of their appetites and beastly passions. They furnish populations for our criminal, pauper and insane institutions. They are the wreckers of the prosperity of the future, as it is from their ranks that the paupers and criminals are to come. What chance have the children of such parents to become upright citizens? Accustomed to scenes of poverty, vice and wickedness from the time they first begin to notice anything until they reach the years of reason, they learn nothing else. Their inherent love for their parents is stunted by the knowledge of the faults and crimes of those parents and they grow from infancy to childhood and from childhood to boyhood or girlhood with the influence of good example ever wanting. Their path from the cradle to the reformatory institutions and afterwards to the prison cells is as straight as one could make it. They can't help it as they can't keep away from it.

During my time in the pauper department, I have seen so much of this sort of thing that my soul cries out for a change by the passing of remedial measures. I have watched the course of so many of them almost always with the same inevitable result. I first formed their acquaintance in the office whither they came either with their parents or to make application for aid for the family; I afterwards get them when I have to take them to the farm when they have been deserted or while their parents are serving a sentence in some institution. After that they come under me frequently and I get to know them well. As time goes by, I am sure to find them in the police court booked either for truancy or petty larceny and from that out, their steps downwards are rapid.

I have found those children bright, lovable and affectionate. They are the innocent victims of the sins of their parents. There is much of latent good in them that needs only a wholesome healthy environment to bring it out. They are just as susceptible to the influences of good as to that of evil, but the latter is the rule while the former is but the exception. See some of them after they have been in the truant school awhile and you would not want to find beter boys. The great trouble is that much of the good they receive while at that school is lost when they go out and return to the scenes and life from which they came. This is the class for whose salvation every effort possible should be made. To fight the evils of the future, you have to improve the condition of the child of today. To allow them to follow in the footsteps of their parents is but encouraging the making of paupers and criminals. Radical measures should be taken to reach those children even at the expense of long established social customs. No matter how we regret to do such things, the condition of society demands that it be done. Regardless of the character of the parents, it is not a very pleasant duty to take the children from them, but in many cases it is better for both the child and the state.

The imperative demands of today are the adoption of measures that will improve the condition of the so-called 'children of the slums.' It can and should be done. It would be done if our people would stop for a moment and look into the existing condition of things. If they would visit the tenements wherein those children pass their lives, they would become convinced of the necessity for a change. If they would but study those children, and learn their wants, the change would surely follow. The great trouble is that we live in too small a sphere and we remain unacquainted with the wants of those really near to us.

The recommendation that comes from Boston against the commitment to jail for ordinary offences of drunkenness is a step in the right direction. Such commitments accomplish but little good and cause additional expense to this department. When the head of the family is sent away the small income that the family received is shut off entirely and they come to us for help. The mother and family of children are the real sufferers. Many of those sent away for illegally selling liquor this year left destitute families who had to be cared for by this department. In the majority of such cases, it is wrong to assist them but very often the question of right is subservient to the question of expediency. You cannot allow them to suffer from hunger and cold and it is cheaper to assist them on the outside than to be burdened with their full support in the almshouse. In connection with the business sent us through the police station we have had this year 41 cases of delirium tremens against 27 cases last year. We have had good luck in all such cases, every one having recovered.

The present year has been the most expensive in the care of the insane and the number we have at present in the different state hospitals was never so large. With the advent of good times we can expect to see a falling off in the number of new cases.

In the cost of caring for our sick we are less expensive at home than away. We have been unlucky in having several expensive cases out of town, each one of whom was too ill to be moved. According to the opinion of the city solicitor, this branch of the department will have to pay the city of Chelsea for the care of the small-pox patient they had there who was settled in this city.

The dispensary and the dispensary doctors have had a very successful year. Mr. Keith, the dispensary clerk, has kept his expenses down and has given intelligent attention to his duties.

The ambulances have gone along without bother this year, no complaint having reached the office. The present staff of drivers are experienced men who have had service enough to enable them to be of great assistance to those who come under their care. The ambulance has responded to 903 calls during the year and has had 307 accident cases and 540 removal of sick cases.

The detail work of the office has been done with a thoroughness that I can cheerfully recommend. The most important of all the office work is the determining of the question of settlements. A loose and slipshod handling of settlement claims would entail a very severe output on the city. The figures that will be presented at the next meeting will give you a better idea of the amount of work done in the office than any words of mine can convey. I am glad to state that the relations between members of the board and the office have been of a most cordial nature. There has never been the least friction and each has co-operated with the other in their efforts to be of use.

In conclusion I have to thank the members of the board, the superintendent and matron of the farm and all of the subordinate employes of the department for their universal kindness shown me. To each and every one I wish lives of continued usefulness and many years of happiness and prosperity."

The financial report for 11 months, summarized, was as follows:

Ambulance, $3032.94; orders on stores, $1169.17; orders from farm, $11,071.38; cash allowances, $2670.84; secretary's office, $3861.55; sundries, $94.27; cities and towns, $1270.31; hospitals, $7260.98; commonwealth, $509.56; coffins and interments, $736.50; physicians, $1464.41; dispensary, $1245.65; care of children, $2747.78; total, $35962.84.

BILL INTRODUCED

FOR AN INCREASE IN LETTER CARRIERS PAY.

Following is the new bill introduced in congress by Congressman Mudd affecting the salaries of letter carriers, the same having been referred to the committee on post offices and post roads:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled. That beginning with the first fiscal year after the approval of this act, the pay of letter carriers in all cities for the first year of service shall be six hundred dollars; for the second year of service shall be eight hundred dollars; for the third year of service shall be one thousand dollars; for the fourth year of service and thereafter shall be one thousand two hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Don't forget the last recital of the year, Sunday afternoon, at Odd Fellows hall, when Adamowsky, the famous 'cellist of the Boston Symphony orchestra, and Lane, the popular tenor of the Boston Cadet operas will be the soloists. As some people think the 20th century begins on the following day, the orchestral society will give it a good send-off by playing the national airs and the large audience will join in singing our national anthem "America." It will be a patriotic occasion. The orchestra will also play "Peer Gynt," a very beautiful and descriptive picture in four parts, opening with a rustic scene, suggestive of birds and sunshine and new mown hay, followed by a death-bed scene, a dance in the Arabian desert and the wild music of the huns. Reserved seats for this recital at Austin's Music Store for 25 cents.

MATRIMONIAL.

At St. Peter's parochial residence on Wednesday evening, Mr. James Donnelly and Miss Bridget McCann were united in marriage by Rev. Fr. Michael Ronan. Mr. Michael Donnelly, cousin of the groom was best man and Miss Annie G. Rafferty, niece of the bride was bridesmaid.

After the ceremony a reception, supper and entertainment folowed at the home of the bride, 46 Crosby street. The ushers were Messrs. John Drain, Arthur McCann and Joseph Montgomery. Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Harley, Miss Annie Cass, Miss Mary McQuaid and Miss Maggie Jane McCann. The guests were entertained in a pleasing way by Master Roarke in violin selections. There were solos by Miss Harriet Mitchell, Miss Katie Agnes Rafferty, Miss Marie McGovern, Mr. Thomas Hanley, Mr. John Leonard. Among the out of town guests present were Mr. Thomas Arthur McCann of Fall River, Miss Mary Donnelly of Boston, Messrs. Charles T and Patrick J. Toy of Jamaica Plain and Miss Eliza Toy of Boston. The young couple were the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly will reside at their new home, 36 Cedar street. The bride is a sister of Arthur McCann, the shoe dealer on Gorham, formerly a compositor on the Citizen.

MALONEY—CALLAHAN.

Joseph F. Moloney and Miss Eliza Callahan were united in matrimony Wednesday night at the parochial residence of St. Peter's parish, Rev. Michael Ronan performing the matrimonial ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Minnie Callahan, and William Cullinan was best man. After a brief wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Maloney will reside on Whipple street.

The directors of the Traders' National bank have declared semi-annual dividend number thirteen of four per cent. making seven per cent for the year, payable January 8th to stockholders of record at the close of this year.

THE PRETTIEST CALENDAR.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Proverb Calendar for 1900 is the prettiest we have seen. It is borne in front of two little girls whose fresh, sweet faces and dainty robes of blue and pink form a pleasing picture upon which to look during the coming year. The Calendar is printed from large plain type and gives valuable information. The Calendar is made to stand alone or it can be suspended from the wall. Everyone will want Hood's Calendar and you should ask your druggist for it at once. You can obtain one if more convenient, by sending 6 cents in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. James F. Norton of Ames street wife of the assistant chief of the fire department, sprained her ankle and is now confined to her home.

Dr. Hamblett M. Moore from Thibodeaux, La., and Dr. Shepard Moore from New Iberia were in the city Sunday to attend the funeral of their father, John Moore. While in the city they stopped with their family at 365 Lincoln street, returning home last Wednesday.

INFORMATION Wanted—Over twenty-seven years (27) years ago, George McEwan and family left Ottawa, Canada, for Lowell, Mass. In 1873 they lived in the suburbs of Lowell, in Ayer's City, near the tanneries. A Mr. McSpauld occupied part of the two-tenement house they lived in. George McEwan and some of his children then worked in the cotton mills. A son learned his trade as tinsmith. George McEwan left a married daughter, Mrs. Patrick Sullivan, in Ottawa. Any information concerning any of them will be gladly received by Miss M. H. Sullivan, 165½ Clarence st., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

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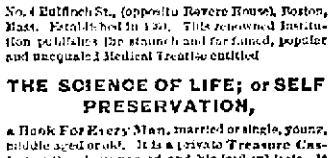

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Do You See the Point?

NIGHT WORK IN THE MILLS.

Attorney General Knowlton has given a decision by which he will probably square himself with the people of Fall River. A short time ago he gave an opinion in regard to firemen which aroused the indignation of that craft. He thought that although the law says all mill firemen shall be licensed, still it was in accordance with the law to have non-licensed firemen work under one who was licensed. This favored the mills during a strike, but a test case was brought against one of the mills and Judge McDonough gave a decision contrary to the opinion given out by Mr. Knowlton and backed it up with proofs that could not be gainsaid.

In the present case, Mr. Knowlton decides for the operatives against the mills working women or minors at night, and in this he is generally sustained by those who were opposed to him before. The mill managers who accepted his opinion as law in the first case will surely give it equal consideration in this case. This will probably put a stop to night work in Fall River. It will at least stop women and minors who work during the day from working at night.

But here comes the point that concerns Lowell. If night work by women and minors is against the law in Fall River, why not in Lowell. It is a well known fact that the evening school attendance has been greatly reduced since the night work began. This should be looked into by the state inspectors and stopped at once. If night work is necessary and we don't believe it is, it should be carried on by a relay of help in compliance with the law. Let male adults be employed, not women and minors. In this case the laboring people will stand for Mr. Knowlton's opinion, and they hope Chief Wade will enforce the law as the attorney general has directed in Lowell as well as in Fall River.

Speaking of the overtime work in the Fall River mills, the Globe of that city remarks:

This overtime business as the Globe has before contended, amounts virtually to a backward step in the policy of the commonwealth in uplifting and protecting those of its working people who are in need of its care an assistance for their own benefit and incidentally for the general welfare of the body politic. Moreover, the conditions are such at the present time in the cotton manufacturing industry as to offer no justification whatever for crowding labor and robbing it of any advantages and favors that it has acquired. On the other hand the situation warrants for the operatives, not only a just but a liberal recognition of their legal rights and we are pleased to know that in the matter in point it is the determination of the commonwealth authorities to insist that such rights shall be secured to them.

New Bedford Standard, a republican paper, in regard to sympathy in the South African war, says:

A good many writers who discuss the subject, and not a few speakers who talk about it, insist that the sympathy of this country is strongly with England in the matter of the South African war. We doubt it, unless by "the country" is meant selected people. Most of our people who were born in England, sympathize with their mother country; so do men who have social or business ties in England; and there are many of both classes. Outside of these, and especially with what are called "the common people," it seems to us, from what we have been able to gather, that the trend of sympathy is very largely the other way. If you go out on the street and ask the mechanic or the clerk what he thinks about the matter, if he has any thought at all, he will tell you that he hopes Kruger will give the British a blamed good licking. Of the wisdom of his position or of its justice we make no comment here. That he maintains it there is little doubt.

Apropos of the complaints of parents about the spread of the cigarette habit it may be remarked that the charge of spreading this vile habit is laid at the door of the schools, chiefly the grammar schools and the High school. The principals of the schools should look into the matter and do what they can to stop the use of cigarettes among pupils. A boy who persists in the use of cigarettes should be expelled. Until some such rule as this is adopted, the vile habit will spread apace.

The Nashua Telegraph says:

A southern cotton manufacturer scouts the idea that southern mills are competing with those of the north. It is with European mills that the cotton factories are competing. Out of an annual average of 11,000,000 bales of cotton produced in the United States, only 3,000,000 are consumed at home, while the other 8,000,000 find their way across the water. While this condition lasts and so long as our cotton goes abroad American mill men cannot claim that they are competing with each other.

Some idea of the cruelties of war may be obtained from the fact that Aguinaldo's wife died soon after giving birth to a child when on her flight with her husband to avoid capture. That incident is only laughed at by the Americans who pursue him and yet he is an educated gentleman and a better general than most of those commissioned to run him down. He has made a gallant stand for liberty and had he at his command one tenth the resources of our army, he could keep up the fight indefinitely. Aguinaldo's case is but one out of thousands in which homes have been scattered and ruined and families torn apart by the horror of war in the most cruel and unjustifiable form, all against a people struggling to be free.

"Trusts create the scarcity which they make the excuse for their extortions. They destroy competition, which left free, would equalize demand and supply. They deprive the young and the poor of equality of opportunity, which is the underpinning of our political system. They degrade labor by impairing its independence; they are public enemies, and their existence is a reproach to civilization." John J. Ingalls in New York Journal.

Governor Pingree has narrowly escaped impeachment for alleged connection with the McLeod municipal ownership bill which brought out some evidence of corruption. Judging from Pingree's own statement of the large sums he refused as bribes we can hardly believe that he would enter any corrupt deal for personal gain. His accusers in all probability are the guilty parties.

A great many of the sympathizers with Great Britain in her present difficulty are foolishly jealous of any counter sympathy for the Boers. They should realize that justice is on the side of the Boers and that their many victories over the British have gained them world-wide sympathy.

The Lowell admirers of General Lawton have now an opportunity to contribute to the Lawton fund. Lawton died a soldier's death in the service of his country and the country should provide for his family.

The republican party seems to be moving steadily in its onward course to defeat. The imperial policy backed up by the proposed financial legislation and the protection of the trusts will do the work.

Ex-Secretary Gage says that when he gets through in his present office, he will settle down in New England. Perhaps the west is getting too hot for him.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night

WAMESIT TOURNAMENT

STANDING OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS IN CONTEST.

The following is the standing of the teams in the Wamesit bowling tournament, recently concluded:

Team.	Points Won.	Points Lost.	P.C. Won.
Pawtuckets	27	9	.750
Young Fellows	26	10	.722
Wamesits	25	11	.695
Columbias	15	21	.417
Wannalancits	7	29	.194
Home Club	0	30	.000

(Five games.)

The individual single string averages are as follows:

Players.	Averages.		Games Played.
Grover, P.	177	23-27	9
Farrell, Y. F.	177	7-27	9
Kelley, Y. F.	171	4-27	9
Fletcher, P.	168	18-27	9
McCormick, Wam.	168	12-27	9
Clogston, P.	167	1-27	9
D. Donahue, Y. F.	166	13-27	9
Gregory, Wam.	166	12-27	9
Brainard, Wam.	166	8-24	8
O. Donohee, Y. F.	161	18-27	9
Patten, P.	161	15-27	9
Merrill, Wam.	163	10-27	9
Dearth, Wam.	162	21-27	9
Stevens, Wa.	162		7
G. Kelley, C.	161		8
Knapp, P.	161	4-27	9
Fullerton, C.	160	2-21	7
Howes, C.	159	12-24	8
Mansur, Wam.	158	13-27	9
Campbell, C.	151	9-21	7
Chiesen, C.	159	15-24	8
Barton, Wam.	150	13-21	7
Fowler, Wam.	148	14-27	9
Simmons, C.	[illegible]	7-21	7
Anderson, Wam.	151	6-18	6
Durnam, Y. F.	162	7-15	5
McCurdy, H. C.	143	1-15	5
Shay, H. C.	141	6-12	4
Crawford, H. C.	135	1-12	4
Halstead, H. F.	158		3
Gardiner, H. C.	147	6-9	3
Wiley, H. C.	127	8-9	3
Gale, H. C.	121	1-9	3
Kittredge, Wam.	161	1-3	1
Wellman, Wam.	151		1
Sawyer, P.	151	1-3	1
Peabody, Wam.	150		1
Farley, Wam.	144		1
Thompson, Wam.	143	2-3	1
J. Farrell, H. C.	143		1
Ware, H. C.	142		1
Murphy, Wam.	137	1-3	1
F. Farrell	131		1
Tims, H. C.	131		1
Adams, Wam.	125		1
Haggett, Wam.	121	1-3	1

BENEFIT MEETING

HELD BY LOWELL SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY.

A benefit meeting was given last night by the members of the Lowell Spiritualist society in aid of Mr. Clinton Rollins, a former railroad conductor, who has been confined to his home since January last. The audience was not very large but those who attended were rewarded with an interesting and instructive entertainment.

The entertainment was presided over by Frank Jordan and "Rock of Ages" was sung as the opening hymn by the audience after which "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye" was sung.

Mrs. Annie Jones of this city was then presented to the audience and she read one of Will Carleton's poems entitled "Reunited" with tender pathos. The efficient accompanist of the evening was Miss Tena Ross of Centralville and she presided with skill and ability. Miss Vina Rawlinson and Miss Ross sang very sweetly "Two Lives" after which Miss Blanche Brainard, the well known medium, through the instrumentality of two of her guides, held those present with intense interest. "Charity" was thee subject of the evening and Miss Brainard through her guides, delivered a forceful, eloquent appeal. During her talk, she defined what is meant by the word "infinite" and the results attending a life of selfishness. Charity with all its environments was graphically illustrated and Miss Brainard's hearers were impressed at the intelligence possessed by the speaker who was completely under the control of her guide.

The meeting came to a successful close at 10.30, the audience singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

ARE WITH BOERS

Ringing Resolution Adopted by Fall River Hibernians

The following resolutions in regard to the Boers have been unanimously adopted by the Hiberians of Fall River:

Whereas, We the members of Division Eleven, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Fall River, Mass., do unfalteringly believe that nations like individuals, have "an inalienable right to the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and most firmly believing as we do, that might does not make right and never will so long as God shall be the supreme judge of nations as He is of men; and,

Whereas, England,—the Shylock of European politics, whose national existence is made up of avarice, hypocrisy and perfidy—has turned her covetous eyes upon the Boers of the Transvaal and with her historic effrontery has demanded from them the gold fields of the South African republic to temporarily appease her never-satisfied hungering after her "pound of flesh,"— and

Whereas, These sturdy Dutch farmers —under the wise, patriotic and brave civic and military leadership of Kruger and Joubert,—are embattled in a deadly conflict in defense of their "homes, their altars and their fires," and are successfully resisting the onslaughts of the British invaders led by White and Gatacre and Methuen an Buller, —Be it therefore

Resolved, That we do most solemnly protest against the injustice and inhumanity of this latest English war of greed, subjugation and robbery,—inaugurated at the instigation of the treachery of Chamberlain, fought in a great measure by Irish soldiers whose hearts should never beat under the red coat of the British uniform—directed by Wolseley, the Irish commander-in-chief of the British army, and to retrieve the losses of which and to change defeat into victory, England has ordered to South Africa the Irish Roberts and the Irish Kitchener,— and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our warmest sympathy to the brave Boers in their heroic struggle for their birthright of freedom and with our sympathy we promise them our material aid and assistance, and while, on this Christmas eve, we help to swell the chorus of Christendom in singing "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will,"—we still pray the Babe of Bethlehem and the God of Battles that he will foster and guide the cause, and make true the aim, and victorious the arms of the people of the Transvaal, to the end that there may be a new birth of freedom and that tyranny and despotism may forever perish from the earth.

SKIRMISH DRILL

AND DANCE HELD BY COMPANY G.

Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, managed a successful dance and skirmish drill at the armory last evening. The attendance was large, including as guests Captain Livingston and Lieutenant Kittredge of Company C, Lieutenant Gillow of Company M and Lieutenant Keyes of Troop F, besides good-sized representations of all the local militia companies. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra and prior to the dancing a delightful concert program was rendered by the orchestra. The following was the program:

March—"20th Century"—N. H. Lewis.
Overture—"Light Cavalry"—Suppe.
Selection from the comic opera—"The Serenade."
Medley of popular songs—Beyer.

A creditable skirmish drill was given after the second number by a detail of 18 men under the command of First Sergeant Lewis G. Hunton. The participants were clad in khakis and with one exception were all veterans of the Spanish war. The different manoeuvres were executed at the sound of the bugle, no verbal orders being given, which made the work of the squad the more commendable. The several advances and firing in different pastures possessed a tinge of the real, which was greatly enhanced by the enthusiastic yells of the advancing party. A round of applause greeted the boys as they left the floor.

Upon the completion of the concert program, the strains of the first waltz were heard and from that time until midnight the dancing was incessant.

The officers of the occasion were as follows: Floor director, Corporal William Prescott; assistant floor director, Private Napoleon E. Fisher; chief aid, Corporal John J. Gair; aids, Sergeant George H. McNamara, Sergeant Percy T. Durrell, Lieutenant George S. Howard, Corporal J. Leary, Corporal William E. Goodwin, Privates E. E. Palley, Frank Dodge, William H. Hunt, J. A. Delmore, Joseph Murphy, George H. Brock, P. Henry Driscoll, C. P. Johnson and J. J. Noonan; dance committee, Captain Edward B. Carr, Lieutenant William Fairweather, Sergeant Lewis G. Hunton, Sergeant Fred C. M. Silk and Private D. A. Haskell.

PRIESTS ASSIGNED

LOWELL CLERGYMEN RECEIVE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

Most of the young priests who were ordained at Boston last Friday received their assignments from Archbishop Williams yesterday.

The Lowell young men were assigned as follows:

Rev. William H. Finnick, to assist the Rev. T. B. Lowney, rector of the Immaculate Conception church, Marlboro.

Rev. John J. O'Hearn, assistant to the Rev. Arthur J. Teeling of St. Mary's church, Lynn.

Rev. Thomas C. McMannon, curate, at St. Mary's church, at Winchester, Rev. H. J. Madden, pastor.

All the above are very desirable stations and the assignment to them reflects great credit on the young clergymen. Rev. Arthur J. Teeling of Lynn, to whose parish Rev. Fr. O'Hearn has been appointed has many friends in this city.

WHIST AND POOL

TOURNAMENT OPENED BY THE BURKES.

A whist and pool tournament has been opened by the members of the Burke Temperance Institute and about twenty are entered. Intense interest is being manifested in the tournament by the members and it will continue for about a month.

Court Middlesex, 16th anniversary ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

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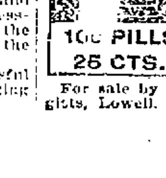

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STOP NIGHT WORK

By Operatives of the '58 Hour Law

ITS REGULATIONS MORE FAR-REACHING

Than Has Been Generally Supposed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER Dec. 29—It looks now as though night work is to be effectually stopped in the mills in this city despite the fact that the loomfixers did not see fit to go in with the other unions and make a fight against it.

The night work will be stopped by the enforcement of the 58-hour law, which in the opinion of the attorney general and Chief Wade of the state police, is more far-reaching than has been supposed. The textile council, or rather the weavers, spinners, carders, and slasher tenders who are affiliated with it, started the agitation against night work which has brought about the decision of the attorney general.

Chief Wade refuses to give out the opinion of the attorney general at present, but he states what it is. First of all, the attorney general decides that women and minors who have worked during the daytime cannot be employed at night in any factory. It has been the practice of many women and children to work the full number of hours allowed by law in one mill and then go to some other mill and work until 10 o'clock at night. Mill agents and overseers believed that they could employ such persons without violating the law, provided that they did not themselves employ any woman or child more than 58 hours in one week. It made no difference to them if the same woman or child had been employed by some one else the number of hours allowed by law. The attorney general holds that to employ any woman or child who has worked the regular schedule in the day time at night by any one would be employing them more than 58 hours per week within the meaning of the law and consequently Chief Wade says it must be stopped.

If this were all there were to it Seth Borden would find no difficulty in getting around the law, because he says he does not employ any women and minors at night who have worked the full number of hours during the daytime. One way the women and minors employed at the Parker and Hargraves mills have been worked is to have two schedules. One schedule called for one set of help to go in in the morning at 6 o'clock and work until 12 in the morning and then come back to work at 6 o'clock at night and work till 10. The other set went in at 12 o'clock at noon and worked until 10 o'clock at night, with an hour out for supper. Chief Wade is of the opinion that this is a violation of the law too, and if his opinion is a correct one, it will effectually put a stop to night work at the Parker and Hargraves mills which are now the only offenders in this particular. Chief Wade says it is his opinion that no mill corporation has a right to adopt two time schedules for the employment of women and minors.

In other words, Seth Borden must adopt one time schedule and stick to it. If he decides that he will employ women and minors between the hours of 6 and 12 a. m. and 6 and 10 p. m., he might be able to do so, although there might be a question as to whether he could do this either. Still, if he saw fit to do this, he would lose, because he would have to shut his mills down during the afternoon for it would be practically impossible to run without women and children.

Chief Wade is holding back the attorney general's decision because he believes that night work will be stopped by the manufacturers themselves. He has instructed Inspector Tierney to notify the mill agents that the way they have been running their mills at night is in violation of the law and he is waiting now for Inspector Tierney's report as to what they intend to do about it. If any of them try to run then the chief will make the next move. Of course this only applies now to the Parker and Hargraves mills because the others have ceased running overtime and have so notified the state inspector.

The textile council met Saturday night and talked over the situation for about three hour. The delegates from the loomfixers' association promised to again submit the question of coming out on strike at the Parker and Hargraves mills to their association at its next regular meeting a week from next Friday. The textile council decided to wait before taking any further action until the loomfixers had had another chance to say what they would do and also to wait until the attorney general had rendered his decision on the 58-hour law.

It is probable that the textile council will not have to consider the matter any further but if the state police are unable to stop night work, the textile council will come together again and see what the operatives can do. The officials of the labor unions say they have not given up the idea of doing something to stop the night work, despite the fact that they have had a setback and were forced to postpone the fight.

THREE CARD GAME

Luther Houk, the Inventor Died Recently

CAREER OF THE FAMOUS GAMBLER

He Swindled the Prince of Wales

The death of Luther Ericsson Houk in Mexico a few months ago recalled several interesting stories of his life. Houk was the inventor of "three-card Monte," and he was known in many quarters of the globe as the "Three-card Monte King." He was born in Connersville, Ind., and his family surrounded him with every good influence but he was not satisfied and wandered over the earth gambling for his living. He was charged with murder and was relentlessly followed by detectives. He was taken across the continent to be tried, and on the way his friends made an unsuccessful attempt to rescue him. He went to the penitentiary and was pardoned after several years. He again took up his profession and worked in many fashionable clubs. The Prince of Wales lost to Houk at the poker table. Houk was known through the west as "Lew Hou," "Doc Davis" and "Doc Green."

Houk invented the three card monte game before he became of age. This is a trick with cards that has fleeced more people out of money than any other game ever practiced. The trick is played with three aces, two black ones and one red. It is always played with a confederate to help, or "stall," for the game. The operator takes the three cards between his fingers, showing them to the victim and then shuffles them about and drops them face down upon the table, offering to bet any amount of money that no one can pick out the red ace. At this point the operator turns his head a moment to spit or to speak to some one in the crowd behind him, and in that moment the confederate picks up the red ace card, shows it to the victim, "crimps" the corner of the card and slyly lays it down again, apparently all unseen by the operator. The operator again shuffles the three cards and throws them upon the table face down. There lies the card with its crimped corner. The victim supposes, of course, that it is the red ace and bets and picks it up to find that it is a black one, and he has lost his money. The operator, when he picked up and shuffled the cards carelessly the second time, with a deft movement of his fingers removed the crimp in the red ace card and put a similar crimp in a black ace card. That was all there was to the trick. Houk worked it for years in hotels, on billiard tables, at fairs and circuses and on railroad trains and steamboats. He taught the trick to Canada Bill, a noted gambler, and the two worked together over all the country. They said they bunco'd upon thousands of dollars to [illegible] men in the old days for the privilege of working the game on trains and they made money.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

WEAVERS OUT

AT FISHERVILLE, MASS., FOR HIGHER WAGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MILLBURY, Mass., Dec. 29.—The striking weavers of the Fisherville Manufacturing company are still out, and there are no signs of either side weakening as yet. The strikers met in Allen hall yesterday and discussed the situation, but took no formal action. The mill is running all departments except the weaving, and will continue in that way for the present. They have a market for all the cloth produced and will let the strikers take their own time about coming back. The weavers demand higher wages.

THE NOBLES ELECT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The Illustrious company of Nobles which constitutes Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine met in Music hall last night for the annual session. 63 candidates first "travelling the hot sands of the desert." Later officers of the temple were chosen, Albion F. Welch of Danvers becoming potentate.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

ENTERTAINED YOUNG FRIENDS.

A large number of the young friends of Masters Gordon, Lawrence and Richmond White, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward White of Nesmith street were entertained last evening from seven to eleven o'clock. Dancing was enjoyed during the first part of the evening, including a cotillion. The affair was a grand success and greatly enjoyed by the young people present.

BASKET BALL NOTES.

The Business Men defeated the Iroquois last night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in a practice game by a score of 15 to 10.

Tomorrow night the P. A. C. second team and the Company C will come together at the Pawtucketville gymnasium, and a good game will be played.

THE DODOS WON

Defeated the Cambridgeports Last Night

An interesting basket ball game was played at Associate hall last night between the Dodos of this city and the Cambridgeport team. The Dodos were victorious by a score of 10 to 4. The game was witnessed by a large crowd and those who attended were treated to a first-class exhibition. The Dodos are a new local team and give promise of making a first-class team.

Ryan and Harrington played a star game for the Dodos scoring all their points. The other members also played well. Hayes and McCarthy played the best for the visitors.

William Kelleher and John Bean refereed a first-class game. The line-up:

DODOS		CAMBRIDGEPORTS
Ryan, lf		rg, White (Harvard)
(Capt.) Harrington, rf		lg, Lynch
Fessett, c		c, Hayes
(Tighe) Maguire, lg		rf, McCarthy (Capt.)
Shea, rg		lf, Meehan

Score, Dodos 10, Cambridgeports 4; goals from the floor, Ryan (3), Harrington (2), Hayes, McCarthy; missed on free throws, McCarthy (6), Fossett (3); fouls called on Shea (2), Lynch (2), Fossett (2) Tighe, Ryan and Meehan; referees, William Kelleher (Lowell), John Bean (Cambridge); timekeepers John Tully (Lowell), F. Kelley (Cambridge); time, 20-minute halves.

PURSE OF GOLD

PRESENTED TO PASTOR OF THE HOUSE OF PRAYER.

The annual Christmas tree of the House of Prayer was held last night in Highland hall. The tree was heavily laden with presents of every description and there was besides enough decoration to make it look very attractive especially to the young people and children present. In the distribution of gifts, Mr. Ward and Mr. George Mansfield called off the names of every boy and girl in the hall and also of many of the older ones, so that there was a merry time. After the tree had been stripped, light refreshments were served. A happy incident of the evening was the presentation to the pastor of a purse of gold the gift of the parish and its friends. Mr. Mansfield made the presentation speech and Mr. Ward spoke fittingly in response.

ANOTHER MATCH

FOR BILLY GARDINER OF THIS CITY.

Billy Gardiner, the clever local 120-pound boxer, will have a bout before his meeting with Mike Sears. The Lowell man will meet either "Kid" Lavigne of Boston or Tim Harrington of Cambridge before one of the clubs in Boston. The bout will come off on the evening of January 12th, and Billy has commenced training for it.

Mrs. Jeremiah Crowley, wife of the mayor, is seriously ill.

Cure That Cold!

Or it May End in the "GRIP."

The popular expression, "have taken a cold," is very familiar to people inhabiting our moist, changeable climate; at the same time probably not one person in a hundred understands the cause, cure or preventative. The best remedy for a cold is the old reliable,

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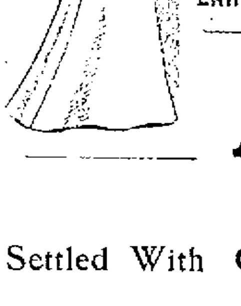

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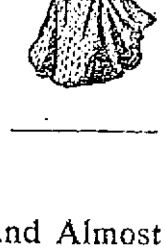

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HEROES AT REST

150 Victims of the Maine Disaster Buried

Chaplain Clark and Father Chidwick Conducted the Services—Pres. McKinley and Cabinet Members Present

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The remains of the 150 victims of the Maine disaster brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, were buried today with full military honors, upon a knoll in Arlington cemetery. The exercises were exceedingly simple. They were in charge of Captain Sigsbee, now of the Texas, who was captain of the Maine on the night when his ship was blown up in Havana harbor two years ago. President McKinley and the members of the cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Major-General Miles and his staff, and many other officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington were present at the burial. Lieut.-Commander Wainwright and Lieut. F. C. Bowers, both of whom were on the Maine when the explosion occurred, also were present. All the army and navy officers were in full uniform. Several troops of cavalry from Fort Meyer, a battalion of marines from the navy yard, and a detachment of sailors from the Texas were drawn up about the flag-draped caskets, which were ranged row on row along the brow of the hill, each bearing a beautiful wreath of Galax leaves. Despite the snow and nipping cold over a thousand spectators pressed against the roped lined enclosure to see the ceremonies. The Marine band played a dirge, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and then simple Protestant and Roman Catholic funeral services were conducted by Chaplain Clark of the Naval academy and Father Chidwick, the chaplain of the Maine, under a canvas canopied shelter in the open space facing the square in which the coffins lay beside their open graves. After the religious services, a detachment of marines in their spiked helmets, fired a salute of three blank volleys for the dead, and a bugler sounded "Taps." The ceremony lasted barely 20 minutes. Among the sailors of the Texas present was Jeremiah Shea, who had a miraculous escape on the night of the explosion, being blown out of the stokehole. He was introduced to the president by Captain Sigsbee.

After the ceremony the coffins were lowered into their graves.

EFFECT OF POISON

Doctors Tell How it Worked on Cornish

Lively Day in Molineux Case—Counsel Engaged in Some Heated Tilts and Were Called to Order by the Court

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The trial of Roland B. Molineux, on the charge of having caused the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, which occured just one year ago today, by poison which he is alleged to have sent through the mail to H. S. Cornish, who boarded with Mrs. Adams, proceeded as usual today in the Court of General Sessions. Handwriting expert John F. Tyrrell was called to the stand and Assistant District Attorney Osborne began a redirect examination. Mr. Tyrell was handed an exhibit containing genuine Cornish writing and was asked to identify it. Mr. Weeks objected, was overruled by the court and at once began an animated arraignment of Mr. Osborne for offering the writings.

A spirited tilt followed which was brought to an end by the recorder saying:

"Gentlemen you must not wrangle in this manner when a man is on trial for his life."

The witness then said he had seen Cornish write. He identified as being in Cornish's writing the signatures on bank signature cards that were recently placed in evidence. Mr. Weeks then began a re-cross-examination.

"Are you prepared to swear and do you swear that no other man in the world save the defendant, could have written the address or exhibit?" (The poison package wrapper) asked Mr. Weeks.

"Not originally," answered Mr. Tyrell, meaning that the original writing could not have been done by any one save the defendant.

Mr. Weeks repeated the question and Mr. Tyrrell answered. "I am not acquainted with the world. It is a pretty big place. But I stand by my testimony."

Mr. Tyrrell left the stand and Dr. Wendell C. Phillips was called. Dr. Phillips was the physician in attendance of Harry S. Cornish at the time he was ill at the Knickerbocker Athletic club. He also attended H. C. Barnet when ill of poisoning at the same club.

"Doctor, have you had any experience in poison cases?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Very little."

"Please tell all that experience—tell it in your own way."

Mr. Weeks objected, but was overruled. Dr. Phillips then said he had been called to attend H. C. Barnet and found him suffering from some kind of irritant poison. He told of his treatment of this case and of the death of Barnet and then of his treating H. S. Cornish one year ago today. Cornish was suffering from an irritant poison that he recognized as the same form of poison that caused the death of Barnet.

Dr. Phillips said he found Cornish in bed, very pale and very dark under the eyes. He appeared to have been severely ill. A Dr. Coffin was present. The witness then said his patient had a very weak and intermittent pulse; he and Dr. Coffin washed out the patient's stomach and bowels. Witness then told of the nature of the result obtained when the emetic acted.

The substance obtained from the stomach was thick and ropey, he said. There was only one conclusion he could reach and that was that the patient had taken an irritant poison.

Dr. Phillips was asked if he could have diagnosed the nature of the poison from the Cornish case alone and he said he feared not.

"Have you had other experience in the same sort of poison cases?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I have."

The question of treatment given Cornish was next taken up and the witness said he and Dr. Coffin gave medicines to remove the effects of the poison as well as to soothe the stomach and bowels.

Dr. Phillips said he attached great importance to quantities of a mucous substance which came from the stomach for the reason that it indicated the presence of some very severe and powerful irritant.

Mr. Osborne then asked if the witness had treated a case similar to that of Cornish and was answered in the affirmative. He said it was at the Knickerbocker club and was asked to give the name of his patient, but was not allowed to answer, Mr. Weeks objecting and being sustained.

Dr. Phillips was permitted to testify that he had attended another person, where the symptoms were like those he found in Cornish. This referred to Henry C. Barnet. The poisoning, he said, came after taking "some substance."

"Did you see that substance?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I did."

"Did you see it taken by the patient?" asked Mr. Weeks.

"I did not," answered the doctor.

"What was his condition as to the pulse?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Very strong."

"What was his complexion?"

"Very sallow."

"Did you ever see similar conditions in another patient?"

"I did. It was Cornish."

This evidence as to the "patient" referred to Barnet.

Mr. Osborne tried to get before the jury what Barnet had said to the doctor about the contents of a box found in his room. There was strong objection by Mr. Weeks, but he was finally overruled.

Dr. Phillips then said in answer to questions that in his opinion at the time he attended his patient, (Barnet) he was suffering from some powerful irritant poison, but formed no opinion of the nature of the poison. He did form an opinion as to the source from which the irritant came.

Dr. Phillips said he formed the opinion that the substance taken by the patient purported to be a medicine. He said the patient mentioned a box on a table in his room.

HE IS INNOCENT

Chelsea Aldermen Have Faith in Chief Drury

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 28.—Chief of Police William P. Drury of this city was exonerated this morning of charges of malfeasance prefered against him by Mayor Seth J. Littlefield last Tuesday, when the mayor removed the chief from office, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. The board of aldermen after a public hearing, which began at eight o'clock last night and finished at 4.15 o'clock this morning, voted that the charges had not been sustained. Only one of the 15 aldermen voted against Chief Drury.

The specific charges were that Chief Drury was acting in collusion with keepers of dives, pool rooms and other places, to give them warning of intended raids, and that by using the curtains of his office windows he signalled to interested parties whenever warrants were issued.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS

IN THE WILL OF DANIEL S. FORD

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.—The will of Daniel Sharpe Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, was filed for probate in the Middlesex county probate court today. The value of the estate is estimated at about $2,500,000. The will which is dated October 21, 1898 contains the following public bequests:

Museum of Fine Arts, $6,000; Boston Public Library, $6,000; Boston Young Men's Christian association, $7,000; the Massachusetts General Hospital, $7,600; Boston City Hospital, $6,000; Boston Children's Aid society, $5,000; Children's Hospital, Boston, $5,000.

Article 10, provides $20,000 per year for two years or a shorter time contingent upon the action of the Baptist Social Union for the religious, educational and benevolent work of the Ruggles Street Baptist church.

Article 11 bequeathes $350,000 to the Baptist Social Union, subject to conditions, among which are that it shall become a corporation within two years after testator's death. This sum is to be used with such sums as may be added for the erection of a building for the use of the union.

Article 12, leaves the entire Youth's Companion plant, with certain real estate, to the executors, to be administered for the benefit of the Baptist Social Union.

Article 13, divides the residue as follows:

One-sixth to the American Baptist Home Mission Society; one-sixth to the American Baptist Missionary Association; one-ninth to the Massachusetts Baptist convention for feeble Baptist churches; one-ninth to the conference of Baptist ministers in Massachusetts; one-ninth to the New Hampshire Baptist convention; one-ninth to the Vermont Baptist convention.

RECEIVERS DISCHARGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28—Judge Sanborn in the United States circuit court has filed an order discharging the receivers of the Northern Pacific railroad company. The property and affairs are turned over to the stockholders in the reorganized company which succeeded the old corporation, and bid in its holdings.

DEFENDANT WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—The suit of Nickerson vs. Quincy & Boston street railway for $50,000 damages for the loss of a leg was ended today. The jury returned a verdict for defendant today in superior court. Jury was out all night.

it is what a cough may lead to that makes it so dangerous.

HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR

Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is a medicine that has long been tested in private practice. Sold by druggists generally.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

WOOD ALCOHOL

Caused the Death of Several Persons

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MELROSE, Mass., Dec. 28.—An investigation following the death of Edward McLaughlin, who died here yesterday, has brought to light facts which lead to the belief that a number of persons were poisoned by drinking wood alcohol Christmas night. The first victim was Michael Flannery, aged 41 years, who died Monday night, and another Wallace F. Dixon, who died today, making three in all. It is understood that two others are in a critical condition.

When Flannery's death was reported to the police, a hasty examination was made, the cause of death being assigned to alcoholism. When McLaughlin died under nearly the same conditions, yesterday, a more searching investigation was ordered. It was then learned that several men, including Flannery and McLaughlin, had been drinking heavily Christmas night, in a shed near Dill's ice house. Among other things, a large amount of cider and wood alcohol was consumed.

REP. BOUTELLE

Is Now at the McLean Asylum

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—No information could be gained today at the McLean asylum, Waverly, to which it was reported today that Congressman C. A. Boutelle of Bangor had been taken for treatment, the attendants having been forbidden even to admit that the man was there, but during the day, E. P. Boutelle, brother of the congressman, admitted that the latter was at the institution. Mr. Boutelle, while refraining from disclosing the exact nature of his brother's disease said that the patient had been taken to the McLean asylum as his symptoms were such as called for the most skillful treatment.

Owing to the secrecy maintained in connection with the case, all sorts of rumors were heard during the day, among them having been a story that the congressman was dead. An attempt to verify the report at the institution was fruitless, but no credence was placed in the report. The query as to Congressman Boutelle's condition met with the reply from an official: "You'll have to ask the superintendent. We do not know anything about it."

"Where is the superintendent?"

"He's out."

"Coming back?"

"Not until evening."

To a question whether the rumor that Congressman Boutelle was dead was true, the official answered: "We can't say anything one way or the other. Only the superintendent can tell you. We do not know."

"Is Mr. Boutelle at the institution?"

"I cannot say anything."

The reason for the secrecy does not appear. When asked about the matter today, Mr. E. P. Boutelle said:

"I saw him in the asylum yesterday and there was nothing in his condition to occasion alarm. I left word with the asylum authorities to notify me at once if anything happened, and they will do so. I have heard nothing from the asylum today, so I know there is no change in his condition. There is really nothing in my brother's condition which would indicate that his illness is fatal."

FAVOR THE LEASE

NEW YORK CENTRAL WANTS THE B. & A.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28—The New York Central stockholders at a meeting at noon today, voted on $68,500,000 worth of stock, unanimously in favor of purchasing the lease of the Boston & Albany. United States Senator Depew cast one vote for the American stockholders and George Bowditch of the J. P. Morgan & Co., for the English stockholders.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; light westerly winds.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH.

Last night the children of St. Anne's church had their Christmas tree in the parish house and many a child was made happy by the numerous presents bestowed upon them.

Refreshments were served and candy was distributed to the youngsters by Messrs. Herbert Bixby and Frank Cuttle.

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Sold at stores, $1 per box; 6 boxes, sufficient to cure most obstinate cases, $5. At Goodale's Drug Store 217 Central street, Lowell, or sent direct from laboratory, prepaid to destination, on receipt of price. Circulars free. Address HALLOCK DRUG CO., 110 Court St., Boston, Mass.

THE FAIR GROUNDS

To be Enlarged by Purchase of New Land

Wednesday afternoon a special meeting of the Middlesex North Agricultural society was held in the board of trade rooms, to consider the feasibility of purchasing the Bleachery land, amounting to two acres, which now forms a part of the fair grounds near the railroad tracks, and also to decide upon the question of raising money to the extent of about $5000 for improvements on the grounds.

That considerable interest was taken in the business announced to be passed upon was indicated in the large attendance of stockholders. President Henry S. Perham had the chair and George Coburn performed the duties of secretary. After some discussion it was voted to buy the Bleachery land for $2500. Then came the proposition of raising money for improvements. This, it was stated, would amount to $4500 or $5000 and the improvements, upon which it was proposed to expend the money, were principally the building of cattle sheds and horse sheds on the Bleachery land, and material alterations in the race track. It was the idea to convert the track into one of an oval shape, which is admitted to be the best for horse racing. It is said that the distance around the track, namely, two laps to the mile, would remain the same.

The proposition was discussed at some length, arguments for and against being spiritedly given, and when it came to a vote it was found that the negatives had won by just two, a majority of two thirds being required for it to pass. Nothing else of importance came up and the meeting was adjourned. The stockholders who have been working in the interests of improvements, which they claim are needed before the grounds may be considered up-to-date, will have the matter brought up at the next meeting, when they feel confident of gaining a favorable vote.

BILLERICA NEWS

At the meeting of Thomas Talbot lodge of Masons in Billerica Centre, Tuesday night, Rev. Minot O. Simons, senior deacon, was presented a seal ring, a jade stone with compass and square inlaid with gold. The presentation speech was by Grand Worshipful Master Johnson McDonald and Mr. Simons responded fittingly. Addresses were made by Herbert A. King, Charles H. Kohlrausch, Arthur Blodgett and D. Moyer Staley.

Mr. Simons preached his farewell sermon at the Unitarian church in Billerica Sunday.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—The second day's session of the half score of scientific societies now meeting in this city, began this morning, each society holding its own meeting and listening to papers in its department.

Later all societies, however, joined with the American Society of Naturalists in a great gathering in Osborn hall, where a forum of discussion was opened on the subject, "The Position that Universities Should Take with Regard to Investigation." The discussion was led by Prof. R. S. Chittenden, Yale University; Thomas Dwight, Harvard Medical School; Joseph Jastrow, University of Wisconsin; S. T. MacDougal, New York Botanical Garden, and William Patten, Dartmouth College.

COOK OF YALE

THE ONLY WINNER IN YESTERDAY'S CHESS TOURNAMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The fourth round of the inter-collegiate chess tournament was played today.

Falk, Columbia, and Rice, Harvard, drew their game after 28 moves.

Perry, Harvard, and Sewall, Columbia, also drew their game after 42 moves. Both men put up a fine game of chess.

Cook, Yale, beat Hunt, Princeton, after 62 moves. The former had the better game. Brumhelm, Henly, Princeton, and Morgan, Yale, drew.

PANAMA CANAL CO.

Incorporated in New Jersey Yesterday

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF $30,000,000

The Company May Attempt to Control Canal

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—The Panama Canal company of America with an authorized capital of $30,000,000 was incorporated here yesterday. The object of the company is to acquire by purchase the ship canal of Nouvelle de Canal de Panama company and the railway across the Isthmus of Panama; also to construct, equip and operate said canal and railway and the various enterprises connected therewith. The company is further empowered to operate ships and steamship lines, carry mails, passengers and merchandise; operate telegraph and telephone lines, maintain wharves, warehouses and generally to engage in any business advantageous to the company's business.

The articles also empower the company to enter into arrangements with any government that may seem conducive to the company's object including the obtaining of rights, privileges and grants.

The capital stock is divided into $5,000,000 first preferred stock, with five per cent, non-cumulative dividend; $15,000,000 second preferred stock with eight per cent. non-cumulative dividend with $10,000,000 common stock. The incorporators are Wm. P. Chapman, Jr., New York; Henry W. Clark, New York and Francis D. Pollak, of Summit, N. J.

SEN. CHANDLER

Summoned as a Witness in Gallinger Case

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 28.—Senator William E. Chandler has been summoned as a witness before the United States court grand jury in the charges of civil service law violations brought against his colleague, Senator Gallinger. Senator Chandler will arrive in Concord tomorrow night.

Another witness, who is expected to arrive tomorrow, is John H. Walker, clerk of the senate committee on pensions, and Senator Gallinger's stenographer.

The only witnesses heard this morning were Postmaster Henry Robinson of this city and Thomas F. Clifford, clerk of the republican state committee. This afternoon, William F. Thayer of Concord, treasurer, and Louis C. Hoyt of Kingston, secretary of the republican state committee, testified. That completed the list of witnesses. As Senator Chandler and Mr. Walker will be heard tomorrow, a report from the grand jury is expected by tomorrow night.

CHARLES PIKE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28.—Charles E. Pike died late last night at his residence in this city. He was a lawyer and practiced in Maine, Massachusetts and Wisconsin for many years. In early life he was one of the first Free Soilers and one of the founders of the republican party in Massachusetts. In 1844, while a member of the Maine legislature, he wrote the resolutions which, according to the custom of that time, brought before the people the name of Taylor for the presidency. Later, he was one of the group of the first republicans in the Massachusetts legislature. In 1856 he removed to Wisconsin and founded the Oshkosh Northwestern, which during the war was a radical supporter of Lincoln. In 1865 he was appointed solicitor of the internal revenue department and assistant attorney general of the United States.

CIGARETTE FIENDS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—A confirmed cigarette fiend at 12, so far advanced on the downward path that he plundered his mother's purse to supply himself, Charles Coupland has been committed to the House of Refuge in order that he might have a chance to reform.

Mrs. Coupland, a woman of refined, intelligent appearance, living at No. 721 North Thirty-ninth street, the lad's mother, caused his arrest after doing all that she could short of this last alternative to cure him of his bad habit.

Tearfully she pleaded with the magistrate to send the pale, nervous, prematurely aged boy to the Refuge so that he might be cured. She said that she had exhausted her resources in trying to reform her son, but it was of no use; he must and would have cigarettes and resorted to the most skillful methods to get money, robbing her of money when he could get it and stealing and selling articles from the house when ready money was not accessible.

Study and boyish pastimes were alike distasteful to the lad who seemed to live on the smoke from cigarettes. He did not care for food or sleep so long as he could smoke a cigarette and he was getting to be mentally weak from the effects of the practice. The magistrate said he sincerely sympathized with Mrs. Coupland, as he had seen many other cases of a similar kind and would cheerfully comply with the request.

CHRISTMAS TREE

HELD AT THE PEOPLE'S CLUB YESTERDAY.

The Christmas tree for the little ones who attended the summer playground was held last evening at the rooms of the Women's branch of the People's club, from 5 to 7 o'clock. The children were sent home in a state of absolute bliss, after an entertainment given for their special benefit. In one corner of the hall stood a gorgeous Christmas tree, and each child was given a doll to take home. The children sang carols which they learned last summer, and Miss Noyes recited for them, selections which made them laugh and clap their hands in glee. The refreshments comprised ice cream, cake, candy and peanuts.

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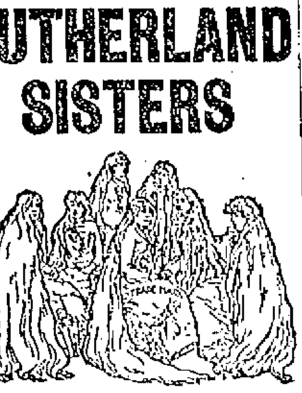

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THREE INQUESTS

SHOWED DEATH WAS CAUSED BY ACCIDENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 29.—Three inquests were held in the district court yesterday, finishing the docket for the year. The inquiry into the cause of the death of T. Scanlon in Lakeville, September 28th, brought out evidence to show that Scanlon lay down on the track of the New Bedford, Middleboro and Brockton street railway just after dark and that a car struck and killed him.

The second inquiry was into the cause of the death of Eddie Smith (colored), September 8th, on the track in the Middleboro yard of the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Evidence was to the effect that he attempted to jump from a moving train and was killed.

The third case was that of John Schofield of South Middleboro, formerly of New Bedford. Schofield was found in a dying condition on a bitterly cold night in January, 1898, lying beside the New Haven railroad track part way between Tremont and South Middleboro. But little evidence was offered to explain his death.

Fancy Dress Ball of Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RENOVATOR

A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

Boston & Maine Railroad

WINTER ARRANGEMENT,

In effect October 2, 1899; Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 6.41, 6.25, c6.42, *7.45, *8.50, c9.15, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, c4.00, 4.25, c6.44 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 6.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.16, 6.28, c6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.20, *7.25, 7.31, *7.43, w*8.00, *8.57, c9.10, w9.25, *9.50, w10.05, 11.03, *11.42 a. m., w12.05, 12.16, w12.18, 1.13, w2.50, c3.00, w3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.23, w5.16, 5.32, c5.40, w*6.15, *6.22, 7.00, *7.19, w9.25 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 7.30, 7.23, w8.15, 8.18, 9.13 a. m., w12.05, w4.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w7.25 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.25, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, 10.00, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, w2.30, w3.55, 4.18, w5.15, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, wb11.25 p. m.

SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30, w7.25 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w5.15, 6.53 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.25, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.16, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, b11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.25 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.29, z7.31, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 2.20, 3.55, 6.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m., for Somersworth and Portland.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 6.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 6.15, p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast, and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.; 5.15 p. m., ex. Saturday for Belfast and Rockland. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For St. John's, N. B., Halifax, N. S., Montreal and Quebec, 5.15 p. m. (5.15 does not connect Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland), on (Mondays, for St. John only) and Thursdays, at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 6.15 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.04, 7.31, *7.45, 11.03 a. m.; 1.13, 4.28 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.43 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer and Way Stations—7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDays, 2.15 p. m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.12 a. m.; 1.00, 3.41, 5.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.12 a. m.; 3.41 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, 1.00, *1.40, 3.41, *2.40, 6.27, *6.10, *8.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only), 3.03 a. m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.10, 8.40 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *1.40 (to Franklin only), 5.10, *a8.50 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.40 a. m.; 1.40 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *9.40 a. m.; *1.40, *a8.40 p m.

For Montpelier, Essex Jct., Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *a8.19 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line, *9.40 a. m.; *a8.40 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *9.40 a. m.; *8.40 p. m. ex. Sat.

References:

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bWednesdays and Saturdays only.

wVia Western Division.

cVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junction.

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MANY GUESTS

INVITED TO ATTEND THE MATHEWS' BANQUET.

The arrangements for the anniversary banquet of the Mathew Temperance Institute are completed. The guests of the society on that occasion will be: Mayor Crowley, Rev. Thomas F. McManus of Brookline, Rev. Walter V. Shanley of Hartford, Rev. Francis Maley of Charlestown, General Manager P. F. Sullivan of the Consolidated Electric Railway companies; E. W. Thomas, agent of the Tremont & Suffolk mills, Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board; Hugh J. Molloy of the Normal school; A. L. Bacheller, principal of the Green school; Solon W. Stevens, Esq.; James Jeffrey Roche of the Boston Pilot and the officers of the Archdiocesan union. Mayor Crowley will be one of the speakers.

LANDSLIDE IN IRELAND

SWEPT AWAY TWO FARM-HOUSES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Severe gales, rains and snowstorms are reported in the mountains of Ireland. At Nenagh near the Nenagh river, a landslide followed by a rush of water, swept away two farm houses with their occupants. Much damage has been done to other property.

TO MAKE A SETTLEMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Creditors of Erastus Wiman are about to be partially settled with at the rate of 68.163 of one cent on the dollar. A decree was signed yesterday by Justice Gaynor authorizing David Bennett King, as assignee, to make final settlement with the assets in his possession.

ANNUAL BALL.

Tonight at Associate hall, Court Middlesex, Foresters of America, will hold its annual ball and the affair promises to be a grand success.

DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

MAY BE HELD IN KANSAS CITY OR MILWAUKEE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The democratic national convention is likely to be held either at Milwaukee or Kansas City. Col. Bryan will, of course, be named for president. The vice president will probably be awarded to New York. The national campaign headquarters may be located in Washington." Thus spoke Chairman Elliot Danforth, of the democratic state executive committee, on his return from a trip through the south.

He had long conferences with Chairman James K. Jones and other members of the democratic committee, and found them strongly opposed to holding the convention in Chicago, New York or Cincinnati.

"During my trip," continued Chairman Danforth, "I found an overwhelming sentiment in favor of making anti-trusts and anti-imperialism the paramount issues. There seemed a disposition to make free silver a less prominent factor than it was in 1896.

"The identification of the McKinley administration with the standard oil and other monopolies, together with the secretary of the treasury's open attempt to establish a great government depository controlled by the Rockefellers, has accentuated the belief that the democracy must make anti-trust one of the great war cries."

"Are you a candidate for vice president?"

"I am not," blushingly replied Mr. Danforth.

Handsome souvenirs at Foresters' Ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

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BIG REVOLUTION

To Take Place in the Shoe Workers' Ranks

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 29.—A complete revolution in the union shoe workers ranks of Haverhill is scheduled to take place before the expiration of the present week, if plans which have been made do not miscarry, and local unions will be independent of affiliations with national bodies.

Commencing with the action taken by Union No. 2, L. & S. W., at the convention recently held in Lafayette hall, the new movement has steadily advanced and has been crystallized in the proposed action of other unions during the present week. The independent basis of action and existence is preferred by local union shoeworkers, and plans for a successful inauguration of independence are perfected and now simply await final action.

It has been authoritatively stated that by tonight the charters of Union No. 2, L. & S. W., composed of the turned workmen; Union No. 1, composed of machine operators; Union No. 6, made up of stitchers, and Union No. 101, consisting of McKay stitchers, will have surrendered their charters to the national body and will then be independent. Furthermore, it is asserted that the Central Labor union will cut loose from the American Federation of Labor, with which it is affiliated, by surrendering its charter, and Haverhill unions will then be mobilized, so to speak, by themselves.

Upon the books of the unions are found 2000 names of members who are considered eligible to vote, their dues not being in arrears more than the limit allows, and by counting in numerous others who have allowed their accounts to lapse, the number is largely increased. It is now expected that the new Cutters' union will adopt the policy taken by the aforesaid unions.

With the approach of the new year, which means the reorganization of the local unions, comes the election of the new officers to serve during the ensuing twelve months. The berth of agent is most prominent, and the term of service enjoyed by Agent Donovan, the present incumbent, expires Saturday night. As yet there has been no aspirant for the berth, and it is generally conceded that Agent Donovan will be re-elected. He will doubtless be appointed temporarily to continue his duties until the election occurs. In the union offices it is not expected that any general change will occur. Delegates to the Central Labor union and the shoe council will be elected and there will be some changes in this direction. The election of general officials for the new independent organization will be held the first of the new year, but it is now planned, according to reliable reports, to have the shoe council compose the executive head of the general organization.

The work of reorganization will be pushed vigorily and without delay, as the first of the new year will also witness the beginning of the readjustment of wage scales for 1900 in the leading factories. As previously stated in the papers, the work will be made general than usual, inasmuch as several branches of shoe labor will be attended to and the members benefited by increases in wages if possible.

The new Cutters' union is particularly active in this movement, being impelled to action on account of several slight increases in several local factories, which are regarded as being made by manufacturers simply in anticipation of the move expected from the union. It is intimated that this union will commence its campaign by introducing a price list in one of the largest non-union shops in the city.

JOHN Y. DATER

TURNS THE TABLES ON A PASTOR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. John Y. Dater, editor of the Ramsey's Journal, who was suspended from the local Christian Reformed church by the Rev. J. N. Trompen for taking photographs on Sunday, has been reinstated at a special session of the classes at Hackensack.

The editor appealed his suspension, and Dominie Trompen, in anticipation of this appeal, held the church annual meeting a few weeks ago, instead of waiting till the regular date in February.

The Classis not only restored Editor Dater, but decided that the annual meeting was illegal.

The charge against Pastor Trompen of speaking ill of Mrs. Dater, was also taken up. Mrs. Dater was exonerated and Pastor Trompen requested to make a public apology to Mrs. Dater.

Dominie Trompen was not present, and President John C. Voorhis offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved, That the Rev. J. N. Trompen be cited to appear before the Classis on January 9 and answer to the following charges: First, disloyalty to Classis; second, open rebellion to ordination vows; third, insubordination; fourth, criminal abuse.

The latter charge is that of alleged cruelty to Frances Krider, an adopted girl. The Rev. S. I. Vanderbeek, father of Mrs. Dater, is in receipt of a letter from the father of the girl, which will be offered at the trial of the pastor.

DOROTHY DENE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Miss Dorothy Dene, the actress, died yesterday in London. She toured the United States in 1893, and sat to the late Lord Frederick Leighton, the painter, as a model for some of his best pictures.

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Dr. H. C. Bullock, of Hartford, says: You will find Comfort Powder the best in the world. It makes a delicate covering over the sensitive skin, cures heat eruptions, chafing, and roughness,

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MACRUM'S CASE

Becomes More Interesting as He Nears Home

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The case of Consul Charles E. Macrum, the United States representative at Pretoria who insisted on being relieved at the time the South African crisis became most acute, is assuming additional importance as Mr. Macrum nears home. The understanding at the state department is that he is not coming by way of the English ports, but is on a German ship which comes through the Mediterranean and then, direct to this country, the trip taking about six weeks from December 15th last, the date of his sailing from Lourenzo Marques.

In the present aspect of the case, there is little doubt that unless the consul presents ample explanation for his course he will not continue in the consular service.

It has been reported that the mystery surrounding his departure had been cleared up by a letter from him to Representative Taylor of Ohio, who represents the district from which Macrum comes and who secured his appointment as consul. But Mr. Taylor said today that he had heard nothing from Macrum, except indirectly through his letters to relatives. These give no information of the cause of his return, but speak of the excitement incident to the war and the hurried preparations on both sides. There is nothing, however, to show a pro-Boer or an anti-British inclination, nor is there any discussion of the political aspect of the war.

KILLED MISSIONARIES

EXPEDITION TO PUNISH HEBRIDE SAVAGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—At the request of missionaries of the New Hebrides group a punitive expedition has been sent from Sydney to Tanna by Admiral Pearson of the British navy. Advices of the outrages by the natives brought here a month ago are duplicated by the latest Australian papers culminating in the attempted massacre of all white missionaries.

The villages where the offenders reside were burned by blue jackets.

BANK FAILURE

A CHICAGO FIRM WITH BOSTON CONNECTIONS GOES DOWN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Henry L. Mills of this city, formerly connected with several large firms in Boston, filed yesterday a petition in bankruptcy in which he scheduled liabilities aggregating $768,881. His assets are placed at $10,000. Of the scheduled indebtedness, all but $540,032 is said to be due on notes for which other parties are liable. All the debts were contracted before 1898, at which time the petitioner made an assignment and many creditors were paid. The largest creditors are: Blackstone National bank, Boston, $95,000; I. N. Keith, Sagamore, Mass., $57,000; J. P. Moore and company, Boston, $57,000; Manchester National bank, New Hampshire, $83,000; Greenleaf Simpson, Boston, $73,600; Chicago Furniture company, $20,000; Faneuil Hall National bank, Boston, $89,000; Market National bank, Boston, $161,000; W. M. Parker, Manchester, N. H., $92,500.

CENSUS OF 1900

Active Enumeration Will Begin About Next June

"The twelfth census of the United States, the plans for which are already well on the way, will be begun, so far as regards active enumeration, on June 1, 1900," says the Colorado Record. "It will be the first census in which all the work of recording and computing statistics is to be done by mechanical means. Electrical tabulating machines were introduced for this purpose toward the close of the eleventh census, but in the coming enumeration they will be relied upon entirely. Without such assistance the taking of the twelfth census would be practically an impossibility. In the eleventh census it was seven years before the final volume of the principal report—that on population—was off the presses. In the census of 1880 the last volume was published in 1889. Congress stipulates that the four principal reports of the coming enumeration—on population, mortality, agriculture and manufactures—must be ready for publication on July 1, 1902. In addition to this strict time limit are to be taken into consideration the entirely changed conditions of the next census. It will embrace for the first time the inhabitants of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, and will count 75,000,000 people. Concerning each of these human beings, who are scattered over some four million square miles of the earth's surface, a dozen facts must be recorded. The taking of the census will occupy the services of more than 50,000 persons. The members of the field force—it themselves nearly 40,000—will forward their data to headquarters in Washington, where it will be compiled and prepared for publication by a staff of 300 clerks in the central office. Each of the 75,000,000 cards used, on which are punched the statistics concerning each person, are numbered to correspond with the numbers opposite the names in the schedules. They contain 225 symbols, each of which is an abbreviation representing some fact within the range of the census enumeration. They are punched by means of a machine something like a typewriter as a clerk reads from the schedule the required information is imparted to the operator at the keyboard. In this way 700 cards can be disposed of in one day by one clerk. 1000 clerks are to be put to this special work. From the punching machine the record cards go to the electric tabulating machine, which collects all the information they convey and puts it into systematized form. One machine does the labor of 20 clerks under the old system. From here the record slips pass to a force of 1000 clerks who make up the tables and prepare copy for the printers."

ASSIGNEE CHAPLIN

ISSUES A STATEMENT TO THE SQUIRE CREDITORS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—H. W. Chaplin, assigne of the John P. Squire corporation, which failed a short time ago, has issued a statement to the creditors of the firm and all its branches and of Fred P. Squire, Frank O. Squire and John P. Squire, who have done business in their individual names and also as co-partners in various firms, to the effect that by deeds, dated December 15, 1899, the various firms and individuals made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors to him.

Each assignment provides that the creditors might substitute an assignee of their own selection.

The individuals, firms and corporations to whom this circular is addressed were all closely affiliated with John P. Squire & Co., either as purchasers from that corporation or otherwise. In most, if not all cases John P. Squire and company is the chief creditor.

The statement then says that relations of John P. Squire & Co. with these other individuals and concerns were so extensive and varied that the affairs of no one of them can be settled independently of the settlement of the affairs of John P. Squire & Co.

The magnitude and complexity of the dealings, in commercial paper, and otherwise, between John P. Squire & Co. and other individual, firms and corporations, make it impossible to make, in the case of any concern, a statement of the assets and liabilities of any practical value without the tabulation of the assets and liabilities of the different concerns taken as a whole, including John P. Squire & Co., and of the relative rights and liabilities of the different concerns.

An approximate statement may be expected shortly of the aggregate assets of all the individuals and concerns including John P. Squire & Co. and of the aggregate sum required to pay all the creditors of all the individuals and concerns.

FOUND DEAD

HERMIT OF SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN PASSED AWAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MOSCOW, Me., Dec. 29.—Word was received here yesterday that William Ellersley, 65 years of age, who was widely known as the hermit of Sugar Loaf mountain, was found dead in his hut on Christmas Day by John Green, a guide. It was apparent that Ellersley had been dead for a long time.

News of the death of this man recalls the story of the cause of his withdrawal from society. He was a veteran of the civil war. When he started for the front, he deeded his property to his brother, as a means of protecting his wife and child. On his return from the war, he found his brother unwilling to restore the property and that the wife sustained this action. Ellersley at once left the locality and withdrew to Carratunk Plantation, establishing his home on the mountain. The brother in whose care Ellersley had left his wife, and the woman went to Wisconsin together. Both perished in a prairie fire which swept over the section in which they lived several years ago.

ASST. CHIEF NORTON

WILL ASSUME HIS DUTIES NEXT MONDAY.

James F. Norton, who was appointed assistant chief of the fire department will assume the duties of the office next Monday. Mr. Norton is one of the oldest men in point of service in the fire department and has been a member of the board of engineers for a number of years. When the office of assistant chief was created, he was appointed to the position but the city council failed to decide upon a salary. Therefore the position was only one of honor. The city council at the last meeting voted a salary of $1400 per annum to the assistant chief; so Assistant Norton will proceed to take possession. He will leave the employ of the H. B. Barker Co., where he has worked thirty-four years, tomorrow evening. As assistant chief he will be obliged to respond to all alarms.

ALUMNI MET.

The alumni of the Lowel State Normal school held their first annual meeting yesterday and elected the following officers: President, Katherine M. Crowley; vice president, Ethel Kimball; secretary, Maude Jarvis; treasurer, Mary Devine; entertainment committee, Clotilde Delaney, Charlotte Walsh.

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Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' Jersey Vests, only 15 cents.
Ladies' Jersey Vests and Pants, fleece lined, a bargain at 19 cents.
Fine Jersey Vests and Pants, heavily fleeced, 25 cents.
Regular 50c. Vests and Pants, improved sleeve gussets, etc., 39 cents.
Some great values in heavy Jersey Vests and Pants 49c.

Children's Underwear.

Children's heavy ribbed Jersey Vests and Pants 12 1-2 cents.
Misses' and Children's Combination Suits, fleeced Jersey, 25 cents.
Boys' heavy Grey Shirts and Drawers 25 cents.
Misses' heavy well made Jersey Vests and Pants, fleece lined, 49 cents.

Men's Underwear.

Men's double breasted Shirts and Drawers 25 cents.
Men's Grey and Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers, 39 cents.
See the wool fleece Shirts and Drawers, 49 cents.
Odd lot dollar Shirts and Drawers 75 cents.
Men's Union Suits and All Wool Shirts and Drawers only 98 cents.

Millinery Clearance.

We Are Closing Out Everything in Millinery. Greatest Mark Down on the Trimmed Hats.

TRIMMED HATS—Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats. Nicely trimmed in style. 98 cents

Ladies Trimmed Hats, also Children's pretty Velvet Hats, trimmed with ribbon etc., $1.49

Trimmed Turbans and Medium-sized Hats, trimmed with liberty satin and Pom Pons. $1.98

$5.00 Velvet Hats, trimmed in latest style with fancy breasts and ornaments, $2.98

$6.00 Trimmed Hats nice Black Velvet, trimmed with violets and roses, $3.98

$7.00 Hats, Velvet Toques, trimmed with Grebe Breasts and Roses, $4.98 each

FANCY FEATHERS.—Beautiful choice of fancy feathers to be closed for almost nothing. (so our buyer says.)

See the special lot at 10 cents

See the Fresh New Lot at 15 cents

The lot at 19c is worthy your notice. 19 cents

Extra special lot at 25 cents

High grade feathers, 39 cents

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CHILDREN'S FUR SETS with round or fancy Muff and Neck Boa, 98 cents

CHILDREN'S FUR SET in natural river Mink and French Chinchilla Fur, Fancy Muff ornamented with ribbon to match, Patent clasp etc., $1.98

CHILDREN'S FUR SETS.—French Stone Marten, full prime fur, with both head and ribbon ornaments, gilded purse and large scarf, $2.98

LADIES COLLARETTE.—Real Krimmer and Mouflin, $5.00

PLUSH COATS—Heavy embroidered Storm Collars, with Reveres, dip front, lined throughout, made from Satin Plush. This garment has been a leader at $15.00. $10.00

GOLF CAPES.—The latest fad made from heavy double faced goods, storm collar, reversible cuff, English piped edge, $7.00

WRAPPERS.—We shall sell 16 dozen only). Good print wrappers, 39 cents

JACKETS, SUITS, WAISTS AND SKIRTS.—A special price, space will not allow to enumerate.

Queen Quality SHOES, $3.00

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IN CENTRALVILLE

The Municipal Patronage Will Be Distributed

FIVE ALDERMEN RESIDE ACROSS THE RIVER

The President of Council a "Centralvillian"

SQUIRE QUA "UP AGAINST IT NOW

New Government Dislikes Voting Rule

Though Inauguration Day is not yet here, our new board of aldermen has begun to feel its own importance and is telling its friends of the great things it has in contemplation.

Five of the aldermen reside in Centralville, Messrs. Paige, Badger, Beaulieu, Taylor and Whittet and it is said they have agreed to agree on all matters that will benefit Centralville for by acting together they can accomplish much good or bad for that fortunate section of the city. But with all of them from Centralville there is a possibility that the chairmanship of the board may go elsewhere as Alderman-elect Paige is disputing Alderman Taylor's title to the position and a third candidate may step in and grasp the plum while the neighbors fight. But it will be a great year for Centralville anyway, for it is now conceded that Councilman James Walker of this section of the city will be elected president of the common council.

But speaking of Centralville, Squire Qua is "up against it" for if George W. Poore, Esq., fails to defeat him, John F. Haskell will do the job, and the man of opinions will be known no more to city hall. City Solicitor Qua realizes that his chances are slim and he is worried and seeks democratic support for it was the democratic support which kept him in his job though from his action toward the democrats during the year, one would never guess the fact.

There is some objection to Mr. Poore on the ground that he has given his entire time to politics rather than the law and is probably "rusty" on law. But when George did practice he was known to be successful. Mr. Qua's friends want him retained in office, they say in order that the tax cases may not suffer but Mr. Poore's friends reply that with the resources which Mr. Qua had he can get the same if not better results. It is certain that the democrats will have none of Mr. Qua and they are quite outspoken about it. There is one chance for Mr. Qua, however, and it is based upon a report that the republican aldermen-elect held a meeting recently and agreed not to vote for any candidate who shall be sent up from the lower branch by means of democratic support. If such is the fact, Mr. Qua will hold over for some time, as there is little fear of his name being sent up by the common council.

Captain Mitten, they say, is out for the wool of the miscreant who stated in a local paper over his signature that he is not out against Gillow. This would mean that the captain is still out against the lieutenant despite that much-talked-of feeling of comradeship which breaks down party lines. Would the irate Captain tell the public just why he is opposed to Mr. Gillow? However, it seems that Gillow's chances improve as the days grow and the number of candidates increases. Gillow has dealt kindly with his democratic employes and it is quite probable that the democratic ten will show their appreciation of it by supporting him. The other candidates are Gershom H. Bassett, Vital Robert and Charles H. Varnum.

A prophet of the broiled live variety started a report yesterday that a deal was on to elect Fagan, Beals and Pinder. Such a combination could hardly be imagined, for they represent three opposing factions. Fagan, Beals and Wyman as the combination would have sounded more probable. Any way, the superintendency of the farm is not in the gift of the city council. The overseers of the poor will elect the superintendent of the poor farm, and despite the terrible efforts of Overseer Williams to pick flaws in Supt. Wyman's administration, the prospects are that the light will remain shining for Moses for another year at least.

Call at city hall at any time of day and you will run into from six to eight of the candidates for city messenger, for they are on hand at all hours. It has been said some of them take their lunch with them, while others sleep there. As they grow more numerous and more careworn, the smile on City Messenger Fagan's face broadens until now he says to himself. "What's the matter with you holding it down another year, Fagan." Fagan is a long way from being defeated and his term of office doesn't expire until February.

Nearly all the candidates for superintendent of common would gladly appoint a democrat as assistant super in order to get the democratic votes in the city council.

The entrance of Elmer S. Foss into the contest for superintendent of streets puts a new appearance to the situation there and gives cold chills to Messrs. Cheney and George Evans. Lafotest Beals carries an air of confidence which leads one to believe that he knows just how he stands.

The situation at present appears to the writer as follows: For city messenger, Fagan or "Ren" Smith; superintendent of streets, Beals or Foss; superintendent of commons Whittet or Tilton; city solicitor, Haskell or Poore; superintendent of farm, Wyman; clerk of council, Wallace K. Parkin; and those without a struggle; city clerk, Dadman; superintendent state aid, Potter; city treasurer, Colburn; secretary overseers, Courtney; city engineer, Bowers; superintendent water works, Thomas; milk inspector, Allen.

And now the members of the new city government are kicking against the rule which requires them to stand and cry out the name of the candidate of their choice. One alderman said yesterday: "I will join hands with any one to have that rule repealed. It is not fair to us. The people in electing us do so by means of a secret ballot, yet our ballot for officers must be an open one. I think we should elect by a secret ballot as well as the people who elect us."

While the new rule prevents cuckooism, it is not acceptable to the men whom it governs and the inference is that were it not in vogue there would be some tall "trimming" this year.

SHERIFF KILLED

BY A HUNTED FUGITIVE IN FLORIDA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MONTICELLO, Fla., Dec. 29.—Will Gorman, a negro, shot and killed Sheriff T. B. Simkins yesterday at the Scurry place, six miles north of town. Gorman was wanted for murder and Simkins and a posse went to arrest him. They closed in on the cabin in which the negro was concealed. As Simkins pushed open the door Gorman shot him twice in the breast. The murderer escaped from the rear door, but was shot down and killed.

PINGREE'S RESOLUTION

KILLED IN MICHIGAN BY THREE VOTES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 29.—The senate yesterday killed the Pingree joint resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment permitting amending of the state tax laws, which had been passed by the house by a vote of 16 to 13. The senate passed a resolution to adjourn tomorrow. The large number of votes against the proposition was a surprise.

THIRD CONFERENCE

OF THE QUARTER AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Last night the third quarterly conference of St. Paul's church was held with the new presiding elder of the district, Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Mansfield presiding.

The pastor's report referred with gratitude to the work done during the quarter, the fact that all debts are paid and the good financial prospect. During the quarter seven have been received into the church on probation, and six into full membership. The report announced the special meetings to begin with a watch night service Sunday night. The topic for that night will be "The Great Prize Fight" (between good and evil). At 9 o'clock light refreshments will be served, and at 9.30 Rev. S. T. Ford of the First Baptist church will preach. Calendars have been issued, announcing the topics for each night during the three weeks following.

The reports of class leaders showed good attendance at the meetings, and Mr. William Brown, the Sunday school superintendent, reported the school in good working order. The treasurer's report showed a good financial basis on which to stand for the coming year, and the Epworth league was shown to be doing good work. The appropriation for music was made the same as last year, $450. A special committee on the Twentieth Century offering was appointed as follows: Charles J. Glidden, Dr. C. H. Stowell and Rev. L. W. Staples. This movement, now well under way, was suggested by the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church. It is proposed that the Methodist churches in the United States shall raise $20,000,000 before December 31, 1901, as a thank offering. The limit of time includes the last two years of the old century and the first year of the new, therefore the cancellation of the debt at St. Paul's will count in on that offering. A part of the money raised is to be spent in educational and special missionary work, and anything paid in on permanent church work in any way, will be included in this offering. It is the purpose also to gain two million converts during the same time. Mr. Edmund Mills of New York is the general secretary of the movement.

TROUBLE EXPECTED

UNLESS LOBSTER FISHERY ARGUMENT IS RENEWED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 29.—The modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland French shore lobster fishery will expire December 31st. Serious trouble will arise on the coast if this agreement is not renewed. The British government is now anxious regarding the action the island authorities will take. It is likely that the colony will agree to compromise the question in view of the British difficulties in South Africa.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last evening a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting was held by Highland Council, No. 970, Royal Arcanum. Reports were read stating that $3000 had been paid to the widow of the late Erwin McKee, also to the widow of Brother P. N. Whitman. It was also voted to have a ladies' night, at the installation, the first meeting in January. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: R., E. G. Crokett; V. R., F. B. Murphy; O., J. W. Jackson; secretary, W. D. Hist; C., A. M. Huntoon; treasurer, W. P. Buterfield; C., C. E. Stillings; G., W. E. Smith; W., C. E. Blaisdell; S., Fred Rand; representative to the grand council, Frank Dodge; alternate, George Barnes; trustees, A. G. Walsh and Alanson Gray.

At the regular meeting of Monomake Encampment, I. O. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were elected: William D. Brown, chief patriarch; Asa B. Hillard, high priest; A. E. Lyford, senior warden; John F. Bateman, scribe; Rich Lamb, treasurer; Wm. M. Dugan, junior warden; trustees for three years, H. M. Gumb.

Last night the following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Veri lodge, I. O. O. F.: E. W. Todd, noble grand; Oscar S. Jones, vice grand; J. A. Lawrence, recording secretary; A. G. Emery, treasurer, and Abbott Lawrence, financial secretary; trustees, W. O. Farrell, N. N. Johnson and Norman W. White.

Last evening a well attended meeting was held by Lowell lodge, K. of P., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C., M. W. Clark; V. C., Wm. McIntosh; P. J., A. Dow; M of W., M. W. Wright; M. of F., John N. Crosson; M. of E., A. B. Bosca; K of R. and S., Alexander Mack; M. at A., Robert Rutherford; representative, A. B. Bosca; trustee, A. T. Paige; inner guard, James Fulton. The length of knight was worked on 15 candidates.

Passaconway Tribe, No. 32, Improved Order of Red Men, held their regular meeting last night and elected the following officers: Senior sagamore, C. W. Hill; junior sagamore, P. J. Brainard; prophet, A. P. Swanson; chief of records, Arthur Garland; collector of wampum, M. C. Rowell; keeper of wampum, E. T. Goward; trustee, L. T. Moody. Officers will be raised up Jan. 3. Deputy Orr of Reading will be at the installation the third meeting in January.

At a well attended meeting of Loyal Victoria lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., last night, Sister Ferguson was elected P. N. G.; M. A. Pass, N. G.; L. J. Mowatt, V. G.; L. Butterfield, C.; J. Cochrane, P. S.; A. Greenwood, treasurer; B. Paige, E. S.; N. Noil, warden; S. Whitworth, C. S.; E. Toy, I. G.; E. Murphy, O. G.; L. Laycock, trustee; Dr. Sweetser, physician; installing officer, Sister Fairley; chief of staff, J. Scoble. Refreshments were served. Installation will take place at the next meeting. An application to open a new lodge, to be known as Loyal Cambridge lodge of Cambridge was made and passed. The new lodge will commence operations Jan. 12, 1900.

Last evening was the regular meeting night of Court General Shield's, Foresters of America. The meeting was largely attended and the principal business done was the election of officers which resulted as follows: C. R., Thomas E. Rourke; S. C. R., Frank J. Mullen; treasurer, M. McMullen; financial secretary, J. R. Sullivan; recording secretary, John C. O'Hare; S. W., T. Carty; S. B., W. Driscoll; J. B., J. Long; trustees, M. Moran and J. E. Mollen; C. G., D. Hallrey; physician, Dr. A. G. Halpin. Nine applications were received.

One proposition was received last night at the regular meeting of Bay State Colony, U. O. G. C., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Governor, Charles Carr; lieutenant-governor, Miss Ella Murphy; secretary, Henry Westerstrand; collector, A. M. Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Mrs. Williams; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Westerstrand; inside sentinel, Mrs. Johnson; outside sentinel, John Crawford. The officers will be installed January 11 and refreshments will be served.

At the regular meeting of Washington Commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, held last night, one new member was initiated. The officers for the next term were elected as follows:

N. C., Frances Ellen Morrison; V. N. C., Emma J. Field; prelate, Addie S. Howes; K. of R., George W. Poore; F. K. of R., Arthur L. Gray; treasurer, Luther H. Butterfield; herald, Selland M. Westcott; inner warden, Lizzie H. Thompson; outer warden, Ernest G. Munn; P. N. C., Stephen W. Hands; trustees, H. W. Tlaker, Hector Turnbull and Edwin Sanborn; representatives to the grand commandery session, Ida M. Cunningham, Hector Turnbull, Arthur L. Gray and Annie J. Corson; alternate representatives, Emma J. Richardson, Louise Thorne, L. H. Butterfield and George F. Tilton, Jr.

Installation services will be held on Jan. 5th. Dr. F. W. Chadbourne is medical examiner for Washington Commandery.

COLD WEATHER

ACTS AS A TONIC TO THE SYSTEM.

Many persons regard the winter season sidered both uncomfortable to the body as an unfortunate visitation. It is conand harmful to the health. This is an error. Cold is a most potent agent for the restoration and preservation of normal activity on the part of the organs of the human body. It is a wise plan of Providence which gives us a change of seasons. The winter cold comes as a tonic to repair the injuries done by the enervating heat of summer. Summer, it is true, has many wise uses in the matter of health. It induces outdoor life, rids the system of poisons through copious perspiration, and through the scorching rays of the sun destroys germ life.

Winter is the great bracer of the system. It stimulates activity in every organ. When cold attacks the surface of the body and the blood is set into more free circulation as a means of bodily warmth. It is through the circulation of the blood that the human anatomy is kept in a state of repair. When the food has been digested and converted into liquid form it is taken up by the blood and carried the rounds of the system for the purpose of repairing the waste places. When the cold causes increased circulation it also brings about more perfect nutrition. Through demand for nutrient matter which quickened circulation causes there is improved digestion. The entire repair machinery is stimulated to renewed industry.

Wintry air, as is well known, brings with it a sense of renewed strength and vitality. The restorative power of cold is well illustrated in the case of a dash of cold water in the face of a fainting person. When a person is in a faint there is practical suspense of life for a time, yet the application of cold water to the face promptly restores circulation and renews life. This same fact is illustrated by the cold face bath on rising from bed in the morning. The Indians, who, if not now, in former days roamed our western borders, practically without clothing to shelter their bodies, became, through long exposure, so inured to the cold that it gave them but little discomfort.

Man's face and hands illustrate how weatherproof the body becomes when exposed to the air. Continued activity in circulation on the surface, caused by the air coming in contact with the skin, tends to nourish and thicken the skin. Thus man's skin grows thicker in winter just as animals are supplied with a double coat of fur to resist the cold. When springtime returns man's skin becomes thin and the animal sheds its top coat of fur. The savages who dwell bareheaded in the open air, are seldom if even known to be afflicted with bald heads, while with the civilian who shields his scalp from the air, baldness is prevalent. A sure preventative of diphtheria, croup, and similar maladies among children is to bring about such vigorous circulation and vitality, through means of cold baths, as will render the children immune from attacks of the germs which cause these diseases.

SAVOY THEATRE

A fair-sized audience attended here last evening and enthusiastically applauded the excellent program which holds the boards this week. There are Beatrice Dollard, Lowell's sweet singer, who, assisted by Thos. F. Rielly, character comedian, opens the performance with a delightful comedy sketch. Then the Sheppards all but turned themselves inside out. They are French contortionists and are at the head of their class. Jones and Sutton, the swells of coondom, did some new cakewalk steps, which brought down the house, while their singing and soft shoe dancing was most pleasing. One of the best features of the program was the exquisite one-act comedy entitled, "The Counsel for the Defence," as presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robyns. The comedy is of the legitimate order and Mr. and Mrs. Robyns are two finished actors. Larry and Annie Conors, in an all round comedy sketch, including some tuneful rag-time, kept the audience in good humor while Messrs. Sheppard, the choice pyramid equilibrist, made it hold its breath. The concluding number was perhaps the best of all. It was that of Martinetti and Grossi, a grotesque novelty musical team and one of the cleverest on the vaudeville stage. They produced harmony from nearly all their stage furnishings to the great delight of the audience, and Sig. Martinetti's impersonation of John Philip Sousa was one of the hits of the evening.

CONTRACT AWARDED

FOR PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING OF HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX.

The contract for the plumbing and for gas fixtures for the high school annex has been awarded to H. H. Wilder & Co. Bids were opened yesterday afternoon in the office of the superintendent of public buildings, and the bids were as follows: H. H. Wilder & Co., $1900; Thomas Mather, $1922; Drury & Green, $1949; Farrell & Conaton, $1950; Hanshett & McFadden, $1953; John H. Barry, $2028; E. J. Carroll & Co., $2074; Sweeney & Welch, $2123; H. R. Barker Mfg. Co., $2116; Scott & O'Day, $2151.

NEW HAMMER

RECENTLY INVENTED BY JOHN FLANAGAN.

John Flanagan, who now is in New Haven and proposes to make his permanent residence there, has developed an inventive turn of mind. Flanagan is the greatest hammer thrower the world has ever seen. His records clearly demonstrate that. So far as his natural ability as a hammer thrower was concerned he had about reached his limit, so he has turned his inventive genius to something whereby he can improve his record, says the New York Press. The result is he has invented a new ball bearing hammer.

The new hammer is very much like the ordinary hammer with the exception that the wire handle is so inserted in the hammer that the hammer when in the air revolves continually on a series of ball bearings. From his experiments with this hammer of his Flanagan is convinced that eight or ten feet can be added to his present record.

As soon as the hammer leaves the thrower's hands it goes through the air with a rapidity that is marvelous, and the head always is revolving. Besides the speed, it is claimed for the hammer that it is indestructible and that with its adoption the breaking of hammer handles will be a thing of the past.

Flanagan has exhibited his new hammer at Yale, and the athletes there are more than pleased with it. It is being used by Beck and the other noted weight throwers.

BODY RECOVERED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WEBSTER, Mass., Dec. 29.—The body of Anthony Leinewefer, 12 years old, was drawn to the surface of Lake Chaubunagungamaug by draggers today. He had attempted to skate on thin ice. This clears up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a person who was seen to venture out on the ice yesterday.

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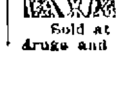

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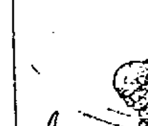

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AFTERNOON TEA.

Mrs. Adelbert Ames of Andover street gave a very pleasant tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Louisa Dunn, formerly well known here as Miss Harriet Hurd. There were many guests and they were entertained with a pleasant little program of songs by Miss Harriet Conant, and violin solos by Mrs. Alexander F. Hobbs. Several young ladies assisted in the dining room, where a luncheon was served. The number included Miss Ames, Miss Blanche Ames, Miss Henrietta Hastings, Miss Elizabeth Farrington and others.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Miss Katherine B. Meloy entertained a number of her young friends at her home, 60 Fort Hill avenue, Wednesday afternoon. The affair proved very enjoyable, games being played, after which a short entertainment followed. There were piano solos by Miss Etta Hogan; songs by Miss Dorothy Hurd, readings by Misses Helen and Irene Hogan, mandolin solos by Master Carl Hurd and Miss Hortense Gallagher, vocal duet by Misses Florence and Marion Gallagher, and piano duet by Misses Irene and May Hogan.

T. H. BOYLE INJURED.

Thomas H. Boyle of this city while boarding an electric car in Lawrence Wednesday was thrown from the platform to the ground, receiving severe injuries to his limbs. Mr. Boyle and friends who were with him at the time of the accident claim that the conductor started the car before Mr. Boyle had got on the platform, remarking: "I can't wait for you fellows." Mr. Boyle will probably ask for an investigation.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Special meetings of both branches of the city council have been called for tonight to take action on some papers that were not in proper form when they were acted upon Tuesday night. They provided for appropriations for various purposes and did not state to what account, the expenditures were to be charged. One of the rules states that this must always be done and for that reason the mayor declined to record his approval.

The members of both branches of the new city government will assemble in their respective chambers Saturday night for the purpose of drawing seats for next year.

WATCH THE OLD AND NEW.

John street Congregational church will unite with the Central Methodist church, on the corner of John and Paige streets, in watch night services to commence at 8.15 p. m. Sunday evening and close at 12.10 a. m. Monday Jan. 1, 1900. The preachers at the services will be: Evangelist Telford of London, Eng., Revs. George H. Johnson and Thomas R. Judge. The services will be under the direction of Pastor Meredith. Worshipers may come and leave at times convenient to them. All will not be expected to stay until the services end. The union of churches in our city for watch night services is evidence of the true Christian unity among Lowell Christians. Verily the old days of intolerance are past, at least as far as Lowell is concerned.

PLAYS-PLAYERS

Happenings of World Behind the Footlights

In about five weeks James O'Neil will commence a notable engagement at the Boston Theatre in Liebler & Co's expensive production of Sydney Grundy's version of Alexandre Dumas' "The Musketeers." Mr. O'Neill has had enormous success this far this season. He will also give a few performances of "Monte Cristo" during his Boston engagement.

"Sag Harbor," James A. Hernes' great play, now in its third month at the Park Theatre, Boston, seems to have endless drawing powers for the people of Boston and vicinity. The souvenir night, or the hundredth performance on New Year's night will be a great occasion.

One of the most remarkable circumstances attending the production of "Ben-Hur" at the Broadway Theatre in New York is the fact that his massive production, with all its scenery, practical chariot race, horses and camel and 350 people, is effectively presented on a stage but 50 feet wide and 40 feet deep.

"Theatrical Tidings" makes these remarks about prevailing conditions in the amusement world in New England: "The popular price companies have become so numerous in New England that there is sure to be but one result and that is a survival of the fittest. The best organizations will live and the weak will surely have to succumb, owing to the fact that most of the cities in New England are getting too many attractions. There will be two extremes, the 10, 20 and 30 cent companies and the extreme high price attractions. The intermediate attractions are not doing a very prosperous business in most of the cities, especially the factory cities, and in fact the repertoire companies are not doing the business they did a few years ago. This is but a natural result of too much repertoire, which is but a repetition of the same thing week in and week out, and it is very rarely that one of these companies introduces a novelty. New England has seen but a comparatively small number of high grade attractions this season, owing to the fact that many of the large cities have had from 20 to 25 weeks of repertoire booked, and the big shows cannot afford to go into a city with a popular-price company as an opposition.

So successful has proved Clyde Fitch's "Sappho" that a No. 2 company has been organized and will play in territory not covered by Olga Nethersole. This is to prevent the introduction of other versions.

Maude Adams is to play Rosalind and Peg Woffington early in the new year.

Mrs. Fiske will begin an engagement in "Becky Sharpe" on New Year's night at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, when, in addition to a great actress ideally fitted with a part and surrounded by players who realize the other characters that are associated with Becky in "Vanity Fair," playgoers are promised one of the most elaborate and artistic productions of which the stage has a record.

The engagement is announced of Captain Thomas Livingston of Company C and Miss Ina M. Pinder.

W. W. Tuttle, probation officer, was on the street Wednesday after a severe illness.

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He broke a number of large stones and boulders and he also placed a piece of sheet steel about one-quarter of an inch in thickness over a block of iron, which had a hole in the centre about three inches in diameter and by placing a couple of ounces of this wonderful explosive on the plate of sheet steel immediately over the hole in the casting, and then by covering a cartridge of his own manufacture and by use of a battery, he cut a circle from this piece of sheet steel with as smooth an edge as if done by a giant die, such as would be used in the bolt works.

The peculiar part of this wonderful explosive is that it is in no way dangerous in handling, as clearly proved by lighting a match and putting it in the centre of a handful of the subtle material, of which no one knows what the composition is but the inventor. In appearance it looks like pulverized stone, or about the color of ground slate. There is no danger whatever with this as it takes an electric spark to ignite it.

The demonstration was certainly very interesting and the inventor very clearly and easily proved that he was able to do with his invention all that he claimed. This it would seem to us would be the most valuable invention that could be possibly thought of for working in the Klondike regions, from the simple fact that it will work from the surface, striking a downward tendency and doing away with drilling. Much more might be said of this wonderful invention, but time and space prevent it.

HOODOO CLOCK

SCARED MAN AND ALARMED THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It was a hoodoo clock. Mrs. Martha Chatfield, colored, knew, for hadn't it struck 13 and 14 and all the other numbers? So yesterday she went to Magistrate Mott, in the Yorkville police court and demanded a warrant for the arrest of the auctioneer who sold her the hoodoo.

She wandered into a Third avenue auction store on Saturday night, she said, where a man was trying to sell a bronze clock. He warranted it a genuine eight-day timepiece that would strike the hours and half hours with promptitude and precision. On the top was a statute of Father Time with his scythe.

Three persons bid against Mrs. Chatfield. One was a man with ear laps on she said, another had a corncob pipe, and a third was a fat woman who dropped out when the bid reached $1.05. The clock was Mrs. Chatterfield's for $1.25 after a hot and spirited contest.

Mrs. Chatterfield lugged her treasure home, wound it up, and put it on a closet shelf to await Christmas, when she meant to give it to her husband Joshua. But at midnight they were awakened by an infernal noise.

"Wha's dat?" shrieked Joshua.

It was the clock striking. With chattering teeth, Joshua, who did not know there was a clock in the house at all, counted thirteen. For a minute the striking ceased and began all over again for another thirteen. Another rest and a third thirteen.

"Three thirteens" gibbered Joshua, paisied with fear, "dat am de debil's gig."

He covered his head under the bed clothes and as the clock had ceased he went to sleep.

Next day he thought he had dreamed it all and he was delighted with his Christmas present, the clock. But hardly had he put it on the mantelshelf when it struck forty-four.

"Dat am a hoodoo fo' sho!" he exclaimed. "Throw it outen de winder."

Mrs. Chatfield tried to give the clock away. But the report that it was a hoodoo had gone round the neighborhood and no one would take it. A baby died with measles on the block and everybody blamed the clock.

And Mrs. Chatfield wanted the auctioneer arrested after this tale of woe and her $1.25 returned. Magistrate Mott however, thought it was a civil case.

"Dere ain't no justice eben agin a hoodoo," she muttered, flouncing out of court.

A POOR OUTLOOK

For the Ice Man This Season Around Here

"How would you like to be the ice man?"

It is hard to find one in this part of the country who would like to be the ice man just now. It has been suggested that the man who wrote the song had better rewrite it and make it a little more up to date.

To tell the truth, the ice man is at present far from being in an enviable condition. He looks the part, too, and, like Cassius, "hath a lean and hungry look." And there seems to be good reason for his appearance.

The mildness of the winter so far has given the ice man deep lines of anxiety on his brow. So far there have been no signs of his customary winter harvest—with its prospective harvest in the summer, as a sequel. And if the predictions of the weather prophets are even partially fulfilled, the ice man will have a very hard time of it.

All over New England the ice houses are nearly empty. The rivers and ponds, where, ordinarily, ice-cutting is in full swing at this season, or a little later, are still unfrozen. There seems to be little prospect that there will be much ice this year.

Naturally, the ice man feels that the weather-man is unkind to him.

Even "down in Maine," where the winters are usually more severe than here in Massachusetts, the prospect is no better. Advices from the Pine Tree state say that the predictions of an open winter in Maine seem likely to be fulfilled.

It is not all dark, however, for there is still ice on hand in some places, and, when the crop is short, prices are sure to be much higher than usual. Already the dealers are speculating on the prospect of another "boom" year, such as was experienced in 1880 and again in 1890, when warm seasons made ice scarce and prices high.

To offset the probability of high prices however, there is said to be a surplus of ice on the Hudson river, estimated at 150,000 tons, and in Maine about 150,000 tons. In Massachusetts there is also some surplus. This state of affairs, of course, cuts off much of the prospect of unusually high prices and helps make the ice man feel blue. But, as it is not often that he is "out in the cold," it is thought by some that a little change in this direction may do him no harm.

The prospect that the Merrimacks and other streams will not close until January, if then, makes it seem that the ice season will be a short one, and that except under the most favorable conditions the crop must be short.

Altogether there would seem to be some reason for the ice man to look and feel somewhat "down in the mouth."

NEW TRUST

TO BE FORMED OF THE WAGNER AND PULLMAN CAR COMPANIES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Objection to the proposed merging of the Wagner Palace Car company into the Pullman Palace Car company on the ground that it will create a trust in and a monopoly of the sleeping and parlor car business is made in a bill filed yesterday in the circuit court by Truman A. Taylor of Alton, Ill., one of the shareholders of the Pullman company. The complaint asks that the injunction of the court be issued to restrain the consummation of the proposed purchase of the Wagner company by the Pullman company until the hearing of the suit has a final hearing that a perpetual order be entered, restraining the carrying out of the contemplated purchase or delivering of any of its stock to the Wagner company by any of its agents.

THREE YEARS

WILLIAM J. GILBERT SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—With Judge Fessenden on the bench in the Hampshire superior court yesterday, William J. Gilbert of Providence, for larceny from person was given from three to five years.

DION ALL RIGHT.

John Dion, the basket ball player, who had his leg broken in the first game between the Butkes and the P. A. C.'s, has now fully recovered the use of his limb and will be able soon to resume work. However, he will hardly be able to play basket ball again this season.

Great Mark Down Sale at Cooper's on Gorham St.

JACKETS—Jackets $1.98, worth $7.50; jackets $5.98, worth $11; jackets $7.50, worth $10; jackets $9.98, worth $15; jackets $12.50, worth $22.50.

CAPES—Capes $2.98, worth $5; capes $4.50, worth $8; capes $5.98, worth $10.

SUITS, Suits $6, worth $11; suits $7, worth $15; suits $8, worth $15.

FUR COLLARETTES AND SCARFS. Collarettes $3.98, worth $6; collarettes $5.75, worth $11—Scarfs $2.98, worth $5.

MUFFS $1.25 up.

WRAPPERS from 39c up.

SKIRTS at less than half price.

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Mr. A. Sydeman, the junior partner of The Blue Tag Store, on account of ill health, severs his connection with the concern and has decided to adopt the advice of his physician—to lay aside all business cares and will sail for Europe about March 1st. To satisfy the claim of the retiring partner money must be realized on the stock in the next sixty days. Entire stock must go regardless of value. No reasonable offer refused.

MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS	$1.98 Up
MEN'S BEAVER OVERCOATS	$3.48 "
MEN'S ULSTERS	$2.98 "
MEN'S SUITS	$2.98 "
MEN'S ALL WOOL SUITS	$3.98
MEN'S WORKING PANTS	87 cents
MEN'S WORSTED PANTS	$1.48
MEN'S CHINCHILLA REEFERS	$2.48
MEN'S ODD VESTS	48 cents
CHILDREN'S SUITS	87 cents up
KNEE PANTS	14 cents
MEN'S JAPONETTE INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS	5 cents each
MEN'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE HANDKERCHIEFS	2 cents each
MEN'S WINTER CAPS	19c, 23c, 45c
MEN'S STIFF AND SOFT HATS	45c, 98c, $1.25
MEN'S GREY HEAVY WEIGHT SHIRTS AND DRAWERS	19 cents
YOUNG MEN'S FLEECED SHIRTS AND DRAWERS	19 cents
MEN'S BLACK STRIPED OVERSHIRTS	23 cents
MEN'S AND BOYS' SWEATERS	29 cents
MEN'S SUSPENDERS	7 cents
MEN'S BLUE HOSE	8 cents
MEN'S OVERALLS AND JUMPERS	19c. 29c.

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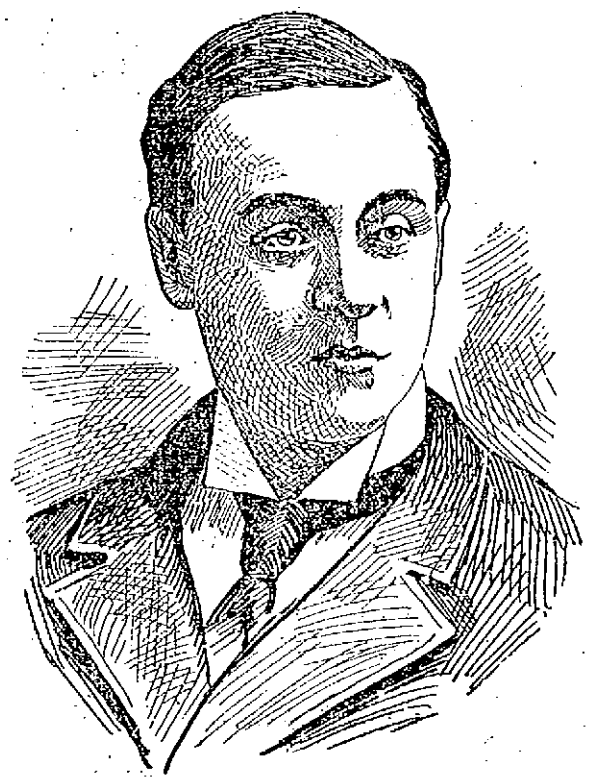
BOER FORTRESSES

Being Strenghtened Every Day and Army Increased



DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, WHO WILL START FOR SOUTH AFRICA EARLY IN JANUARY TO HELP ENGLAND FIGHT THE BOERS.

English Press Vigorously Condemning the Government—Boers Mounting Big Guns at Ladysmith—Marlborough Gets His Captaincy From War Office

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A correspondent of the Standard at Lourenzo Marquez says:

Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr Pott, a Hollander who is consul general for the Transvaal and consul for the Netherlands. Pott is the principal medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds in Europe. He controls the Netherlands railway through the Transvaal and is the head of the Transvaal customs. He is also head of the Dutch East Africa company and has the ear of the Portuguese government as well as the chief of each department. It is openly asserted that Pott has a private wire to the frontier and knows twenty-four hours before others what is happening. About him gather all the other consuls, the Portuguese officers and the German forwarding agents. If Delagoa Bay is not closed, the Boers will retaliate by raiding Portuguese territory."

The Standard says: "Lord Salisbury would be reluctant to bring pressure to bear upon Portugal except in a case of urgent necessity. Great Britain would prefer not to place herself in the invidious position of using force toward another petty country and there is no temptation to raise another international question."

"It is satisfactory," says the Times editorially this morning "to learn that the Washington government is acting with regard to the American cargoes seized at Delagoa bay as we should have wished and expected. It is a matter of course that we shall make full reparation if reparation is proved to be due. In the meantime it may be noted, as the Americans themselves admit, that the facts are in considerable doubt, and that some of them seem to be rather compromising to the vessels seized. There will be time enough to talk of the law and the policy of the step, when the facts have been authoritatively ascertained."

According to a dispatch from Ladysmith dated Wednesday, December 27th, the heat then was intense, being 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. There were many cases of enteric fever in the town at that time but not enough to cause alarm. On the other hand reports from Boer sources on the continent assert that there is an epidemic in Ladysmith.

The Transvaal government according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners, if Great Britain stops the entry of food by Delagoa Bay."

The British government now evinces a marked change from its attitude in the early stages of the war and shows a disposition to accept assistance from any quarter. The Imperial yeomanry committee has issued a statement that the government considers the formation and dispatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation and has intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 3000 to 10,000 yeomanry instead of the 3000 originally asked for. It is expected that the first contingent of 1000 will sail about the middle of January.

The government has announced that it will accept the services of a battery from the honorable artillery corps. When their services were first offered, they were declined on the ground that the corps was not aifiliated with any regiment of regulars. It will now be attached to the city imperial corps.

Lady Chesham and Lady Georgianna Curzon have issued an appeal for public funds to establish a field hospital for the yeomanry.

Cape Town dispatches complain of the inadequacy of the hospital arrangements.

It is now estimated the war will cost at least £69,000,000, and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years, in order to defray the cost.

PEACE TERMS

PROPOSED BY THE BOERS FOR ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Natal, Saturday, Dec 23.—Mr. Winston Churchill, on arriving here, after his escape from the Boers, received a tremendous ovation. He says that from conversations with members of the Transvaal executive at Pretoria, he learned that the Boers began the war with trepidation, but that President Kruger is now confident Great Britain will soon sue for peace.

In the highest Transvaal circles, Mr. Churchill asserts there is serious talk of a compromise, by which Great Britain would cede the territory now occupied by the armies of the two republics, pay an indemnity of £20,000,000 and acknowledge the complete independence of the Transvaal.

BOER FORTRESSES

BECOME STRONGER EVERY DAY AND ARMY INCREASING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg dated December 23d says:

"Every day reveals some new fact regarding the strength of the Boer position at Colenso. Thanks to the services of continental officers, the character of the campaign has changed. We are no longer fighting a foe who rely upon guerilla tactics; but we have to deal with what is rapidly becoming a disciplined army, enjoying the advantages of knowing the country and of selecting the scene of contest without the burdens of a cumbersome commissariat.

"The Boers have converted the hills near Colenso into fortresses of immense strength. Everywhere they have splendid trenches, many of them bomb proof. Tramway lines permit the shifting of guns with astonishing rapidity. The main positons are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages, and the forts proper bristle with machine guns that command the approaches. Probably mines are laid.

"One hears less nowadays about Boer shells not bursting. Observers of the Colenso fight say the Boer shell fire was very effective. This is due largely to the fact that the distances are marked off with white paint.

"The enemy's discipline is improving. The trenches represent great manual labor, for which the Boers have a great liking and the way in which they trained their fire when our troops were advancing is another proof of improved soldiering."

Mr. Henry Spenser Wilkinson, the Morning Post's military expert, in his review of the situation, today, says: "The time has apparently arrived for the nation to insist, if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon the admission into the cabinet of a military master empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administrator."

GOVERNMENT CENSURED

FOR THE GENERAL COLLAPSE OF THE TRANSVAAL CAMPAIGN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—During the continued lull in the military operations in Africa, the papers are filled with letters and articles criticising the government and the campaign and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like. The Times complains of "needless censorship and concealment." It cites the fact that nothing has yet transpired to show how General Gatacre came to lose six hundred men at Stormberg. The despatches from the front all represent the Boers as being in nervous condition and in constant dread of the British advance; but this is probably an exaggeration.

The Modder River correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives an explanation of a sudden rifle fire inexplicably opened from the Boer trenches. He says: "The Boers have wires stretched along the ground in front of the trenches and connected with lamps. If a wire be touched a lamp is extinguished. It seems that during the night a high wind extinguished a lamp which resulted in a false warning. The fire ceased when the Boers discovered that the alarm was false."

A correspondent of the Daily News at Frere camp announces that a tramway is being constructed from the railway to a hill commanding the Boer position and that along this line the British will convey heavy guns.

MARLBOROUGH

MADE A CAPTAIN BY WAR OFFICE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29—The duke of Marlborough was formally notified by the war office yesterday that his offer to serve in South Africa as a captain of imperial yeomanry is accepted.

The duke passed the physical test in the afternoon. He expects to sail at the end of January.

John Churchill, a cousin of the duke, and Lady Randolph's second son, now 19 years old, is accepted as a lieutenant in the same corps. Both young men are in high spirits.

The duke said to a friend yesterday: "In a month there won't be a Churchill left in England."

This was a somewhat thoughtless remark as in addition to the feminine Churchills, there will be his own two sons.

HEAVY FIRING

IN THE DIRECTION OF STORMBERG.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, Thursday, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Cradock reports heavy firing in the direction of Stormberg. It is supposed this is connected with General Gatacre's attempt to reopen communication with the Indwe collieries.

CONDITION OF LADYSMITH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Ladysmith dated December 22, says:

"The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise hill, replacing the gun captured in the sorties of the rifle brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out but we have plenty of provisions. The total casualties since the siege are 70 men killed and 236 wounded."

BIG HAUL

COL. LOCKETT'S FINE WORK NEAR MONTALBAN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec 29.—The adjutant general received the following cable dispatch from General Otis today:

"Manila, Dec. 29.—Colonel Lockett, with regiment, two battalions 45th, (Col. Schuyler) one 46th, (Col. Duncan) and company of the 27th infantry, two guns, Captain VanDusen, attacked enemy six hundred strong on Mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast San Mateo. Large number killed and wounded, 24 taken prisoners. Lockett captured one cannon, forty rifles, 20,000 rounds ammunition, 500 pounds powder, arsenal fortifications, all food supplies and considerable other property. This captured point located on mountain trail and formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties, Lieut. Enslow, 11th cavalry, and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slight. Private Maton, 45th infantry, drowned."

Christmas Drafts

Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.

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FINED BY COURT

Mrs. Woodbury Ordered to Pay $50

FOR CONTEMPT FOR PUBLISHING ARTICES

On Her Libel Case While it Was Pending

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Judge Braley of the superior court yesterday imposed a fine of $50 upon Mrs. Josephine C. Woodbury, in the contempt proceedings which grew out of Mrs. Woodbury's suit against Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the well known Christian Science leader, for $50,000.

The decree of Judge Braley is as follows:

"On defendant's motion for an order to show cause why an attachment for contempt should not be issued against said Josephine C. Woodbury.

"And now after hearing the parties, their witnesses and the arguments of counsel in this case, and upon consideration of the same it appears that the said Josephine C. Woodbury caused to be published in the Boston Post a copy or the substance thereof of the declaration in this case, and also either caused certain statements about her case to be published in the New York World, or else submitted to an interview wherein she made certain statements of and concerning her case, with the knowledge and intention that such statements be published and that Frederick W. Peabody, her counsel in said case, has with her knowledge and consent caused to be published certain comments upon the issues to be tried in this case, and that all such matters and things are calculated to obstruct the course of justice in the court in which said case is pending, and to prevent a fair trial thereof, it is adjudged that the said Josephine C. Woodbury is guilty of the contempt alleged against her.

"It is therefore ordered that she pay a fine of $50 to the use of the county of Suffolk for her said misconduct, and she stand committed to the jail in said county until said fine be paid, unless she shall sooner be discharged by the court, and that a warrant issue to carry this order into effect."

Miss Woodbury at once paid her fine and was discharged in the contempt proceedings.

F. W. Peabody, counsel for Mrs. Woodbury, said yesterday that the publications complained of having been made upon his advice, he feels himself really responsible, although his client has been found guilty of contempt in making them.

"Judge Braley's decision," said Mr. Peabody, "does not stay the prosecution of Mrs. Woodbury's libel suit, which will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible."

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FUNERALS.

BLANCHARD—The funeral of Mrs. Henrietta W. Blanchard was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 63 Westford street. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives and numerous floral tributes testified to the many loving friends left behind by the deceased. Rev. Dr. W. A. Bartlett officiated and appropriate musical selections were rendered by a quartet consisting of Miss Crafts, Mrs. Hathaway, George E. Burns and Edward Wirt. The bearers were Messrs. William E. Mack, J. W. C. Pickering, Charles L. Hildreth and George W. Dutton. A. G. Cummock had general charge of the arrangements. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck.

BROGAN—The remains of Patrick F. Brogan were consigned to their last resting place yesterday morning in the Catholic cemetery. The funeral left his late home, 47 Cross street at 8.45 o'clock and proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Michael J. Leonard. The pall bearers were William H. Kennedy, George H. Wallace, Joseph Bowers, Michael Rohan, Edward Cox and Joseph Fitzgerald. The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives of the deceased. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker O'Donnell.

TO BE GARROTED

Five Men to Pay Death Penalty For Cruel Murder

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 29.—The supreme court of Puerto Rico at Ponce has sentenced five men to be garroted.

In October, 1896, 20 men, heavily armed with guns and machetes, robed a house in Yauco, province of Ponce, and murdered a man named Prudencio Mendez. They also danced around his body with his daughters, who were under compulsion.

Seven of the men were caught, but subsequently one of these escaped and one died in jail.

STEAMSHIP TICKETS AND DRAFTS.

Sold on the Cunard, Dominion, White Star, American, Anchor, Allan and Leyland lines, to and from Boston, New York, Queenstown, Liverpool and all parts of Europe. Drafts issued for $1 and upward on all parts of Great Britain and Ireland. English sovereigns and Canada bills bought at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

FLORENCE HINCKLEY MARRIED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Florence Blythe Hinckley, heiress to several million dollars left by her father, Thomas Blythe, which was awarded to her after protracted litigation has been married to A. A. Moore, jr., deputy attorney general of this state.

FOR SALE—Boarding house, with 26 good paying boarders. Inquire at 167 East Merrimack street.

FIFTY DOLLARS

Donated to Striking Weavers of Lonsdale, R. I.

BY THE WEAVER'S UNION LAST NIGHT

Mr. Connolly to Address the Strikers

At the regular meeting of the weavers' union, last evening in Lowell Textile hall, it was voted to donate $50 to the striking weavers at Lonsdale, R. I.

Messrs. Thomas Breen and Thomas Henderson of Lonsdale, R. I., were sent to Lowell in behalf of the striking weavers at that place. They were present at the meeting of the Lowell weavers Thursday evening, and after telling of the situation of the 175 weavers who are out on strike at Lonsdale were voted $50.

The visiting committee was much impressed at the liberality of the Lowell weavers and expressed themselves sincerely on the generous contribution. They said it was more than they expected to receive on account of the various calls that have been made upon the local union. Messrs. Breen and Henderson explained that about 175 weavers were out on strike at Lonsdale. Their chief grievance is because the Lonsdale Manufacturing company has adopted the Draper loom. By its adoption they claim over one-third of the weavers were thrown out of employment and the difference in price per cut is 25 cents decrease.

Mr. Connolly will go to Lonsdale with Messrs. Breen and Henderson today, and will address a mass meeting at that place this evening.

The weavers elected officers for the ensuing year. The old board remains intact with the following exceptions: Vice president Thomas O'Hearn was made permanent collector and Mr. W. A. Bakewell was elected to the vice presidency. James Mylott, Lizzie Bannon and Annie Logan were elected auditors and May Jennings and Frank Leclaire, Sr., were chosen trustees. A motion to change the meetings of the general body from weekly to bi-weekly was adopted. The executive committee will meet every other week.

BUILDING LABORERS.

The Building Laborers union held a meeting last night and four candidates were admitted to membership. The project of securing a work day of eight hours for building laborers instead of nine as at present was discussed and the members expect that the time will soon be ripe for an advance in wages in line with that already granted mill employes. Invitations have been extended the bricklayers, painters, plasterers, slaters, carpenter, plumbers, steam fitters, iron moulders and lathers to meet in Building Laborers' hall a week from Friday night for the purpose of forming a building trades council on lines similar to those in other cities.

At the next meeting officers will be elected and also delegates to the convention to be held in Newport, R. I., Feb. 6.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

The Electrical Workers held their regular meeting in engineers' hall last evening and took under consideration the matter of holding a ball and a sick benefit. Practical electrical subjects were also discussed.

INSURANCE TRUST

To be Wiped Out by Missouri Laws

By Associated Press to The Sun.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 29.—Attorney General Nash, whose term of office expires in January, has created consternation in insurance circles by filing a bill of information in the Hinds county circuit court, declaring that all insurance companies doing business in the state and acknowledging allegiance to the southeastern tariff association have violated the state law regarding trusts and combines. He asks that their franchises and charters be cancelled and the companies prevented from transacting further business in Mississippi.

SKATING RECORD

New Champion Beats All Records

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 29.—The fastest skating ever done in the world, for half a mile and a quarter mile, straightaway was accomplished yesterday on Lake Minnetonka, near this city. Norval Baptie of Bathgate, N. D., lowered the quarter mile record of 31 3-4 seconds, made by John S. Johnson, to 28 1-5 seconds. After a rest of twenty minutes, Baptie started for the half mile record of Joe Donoghue of New York and Olaf Hodd of Minneapolis and lowered it from 1.05 2-5 to 1 2 5. The records are official and are made under the auspices of the Excelsior Ice Yacht club.

LOSS OF $150,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 29.—The building and contents of the Biklen Winzer wholesale grocery were destroyed by fire today. Loss $150,000; insurance $95,000.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT.

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ASSAULT CASES

A Number of Them on In Police Court

THREE DEFENDANTS IN ONE CASE

Charged With Assaulting a Restaurant Keeper

Only one arrest was made by the police yesterday. The unfortunate was Joseph Ayotte, who in police court this morning was charged with being a common drunkard. He pleaded guilty and upon hearing the testimony of Officers Breault and John W. Fox, the court sentenced him to jail for a term of six months.

Judge Hadley was on the bench and a number of continued cases were tried.

William Clark and Annie Holland, charged with lewd and lascivious cohabitation, pleaded guilty and were held for the superior court, each in $300. The defendants were represented by James J. Kerwin, Esq.

Thomas Joneas, John Rogers and Edward Moran were jointly charged with assault and battery on Joseph Seymore. The defendants all pleaded not guilty and were each represented by counsel. Judge Pickman appeared for Rogers, J. Joseph Hennessey, Esq., for Moran, and William A. Hogan, for Joneas. Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., appeared for the government.

Seymore testified that he conducts a restaurant at 349 Middlesex street. He said he was on Middlesex street on last Saturday evening in company with a young man employed by him in his restaurant. A number of men were standing in front of the Eliot building, among whom the witness recognized Edward Moran, John Rogers, and Thomas Joneas and a fellow whom they called "Portuguese Joe." Witness knew all four. As witness and his companion were passing the crowd somebody pushed his companion which made witness ask if the sidewalk was big enough. As he made that remark witness claimed he was immediately set upon by Rogers who pulled a bottle from his pocket and struck witness in the face with it. "Portuguese Joe" Moran and Joneas then rushed at Seymore and struck him several hard blows. Witness said Moran struck him a heavy blow in the stomach which rendered him unconscious. Witness said he never did anything to any of the defendants but said that Rogers assaulted him about six months ago.

Eva Benson who said she worked on the stage, saw the whole trouble and testified substantially as did Seymore. She said said she was on the opposite side of the street when one of the crowd that had collected in front of the Eliot building pushed Seymore's companion and witness heard Seymore ask them if the sidewalk wasn't big enough. She saw "Portuguese Joe" Moran, Rogers and Joneas all strike the previous witness.

Cross-examined, witness said she has been on the stage for three years. She does a song and dance turn and also a trapeze act. She went on the stage, she said, after leaving the state industrial school for girls, where she had been committed two years. Her circuit is a short one, including only five continuous theatres of Lowell and Lawrence. The last place she performed was at the defunct Gaiety theatre in this city. She says she was in the burlesque and has not done any work since that theatre closed, two weeks ago, though she expects to start at Lawrence Monday. She takes her meals at Seymore's restaurant.

The young man who was with Seymore when he was assaulted and also was pushed by one of the crowd, testified. His testimony was substantially the same as Seymore's. He said Rogers struck the complainant in the face with a bottle, which he drew from his pocket.

This case was rested a few minutes while the cases of Charles O. Erickson, Ellen Erickson, Paul Erickson, Augustus Patterson and Julia Patterson, all of Tewksbury, charged with assault and battery on Constable Lawrence E. Lynch of that town, were continued until Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the request of Larkin T. Trull, counsel for the defendants in the other assault case, for drunkenness in Tewksbury, was continued to the same time. Moran and Rogers were arrested in Wigginville early Sunday morning, and at the station were booked for drunkenness and disturbing the peace. No complaint was made for disturbing the peace, however.

The Seymore assault case was resumed and three other witnesses were put on for the government, but their testimony was substantially similar to that of the previous witnesses.

DEATHS

PRINCE—The many friends of Mrs. George C. Prince will be pained to hear of her demise which occurred Wednesday evening at Hotel Oakley, Boston. Deceased had been in poor health for some months and had been seeking strength in Beverley Farms and Brookline and later in Boston. Mrs. Prince was universally beloved by all with whom she came in contact. Great sympathy will be felt for her mother, Mrs. Boardman and Mr. Prince who has been constantly with his wife. Deceased was the wife of George C. Prince, the well-known Merrimack-street stationer. The funeral will be held tomorrow at one o'clock from her late home at 6 Simpson street.

WOOD—Sarah S. V. Wood, wife of Andrew S. Wood, aged 36 years, died yesterday at her late home, 698 School street.

SALISBURY—Sarah Salisbury, aged 55 years, died this morning at her home 32 Humphrey street.

FAMINE RELIEF

IS GIVEN TO NEARLY 3,000,000 PEOPLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.—Almost three million persons are receiving famine relief. The government is spending nearly two lakhs of rupees daily. It is estimated that the cost of the relief to the end of March will be three score of rupees. Owing to the rapid increase in the numbers of people seeking relief, the viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, intends a closer scrutiny of the claims of the applicants.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Allen Worth, two of the best known residents of Charlestown, having resided in that district for almost 50 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Pendergast, 34 Mead street.

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Winter weight Cheviot Trousers, nicely make and wonderful value. Worth $1.75, for $1.39

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THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK

MISS AMES TO WED

A Lowell Young Lady and Oakes Ames

TO UNITE TWO BRANCHES OF FAMILY

The Younger Daughter of Gen. Ames

Two branches of the Ames family are to be brought closer together when Miss Blanche Ames becomes the wife of Oakes Ames. The present relationship between them is hardly apparent, as both families are separated by nearly a century. Miss Ames is the daughter of General Adelbert Ames. She has a sister older than herself. General Butler was her grandfather and Colonel Butler Ames is her brother. The colonel and Miss Ames were much together on his yacht America. She lives in this city.

Oakes Ames is the son of ex-Governor Oliver Ames. He is a Harvard man, a member of the B. A. A., Algonquin club, and is at present a student of botany. He is an interesting worker for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

BOGUS BISHOP

WHO WORKED HOLY CROSS COLLEGE IS WANTED HERE.

Henry M. Wilson, he confidence man who, as a bogus bishop, recently worked the faculty and students of Holy Cross college is well known to the police of this city, being wanted here for burglary of the home of a sister of Officer John O'Connell two years ago. At that time Wilson was a "grafter" following the Walter L. Main circus. He was later arrested in Manchester, N. H., but escaped from jail then.

LAUNCH LOST

IT RAN ON SYLVIA DE GRACE ROCKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—A special from Astoria says:

The steam launch of the United States cutter, Commodore Perry, was sunk by running on the Sylvia de Grace rock about six hundred yards from shore. The Perry was lying near Tongue Point and the launch put off with five men on board to bring back some of the officers who were in this city. Soon after striking, the launch began to fill. A fireman on shore read the distress signals and reached the wreck in a small boat just in time to take the men off before the launch sank.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 14th, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—George M. Cranston, Boston, $6; Thomas W. Mutaugh, Fall River, $6; Nathan B. Skinner, Lynn, $6; Calvin F. Richardson, Danvers, $6; Frederick W. Carter, Merrimacport, $6; Ervin A. Jones, Boston, $8.

Increase—Henry S. Upton, North Prescott, $6 to $8.

Reissue—Michael McDonough, Boston, $12; special Dec. 16th, George H. Healey, Stoneham, $50.

STOVE PIPE FELL

CAUSING AN ALARM TO BE SOUNDED THIS MORNING.

About 10 o'clock this morning an alarm from box 23 summoned a portion of the fire department to a tenement block on Lakeview avenue, owned by the McManus estate. A couple of children were in the house playing and the stove pipe in the room either fell or was pulled down. When the pipe fell it frightened the children and they ran out and had the fire alarm sounded. There was no damage done to the building.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FR. MALONE DEAD

AGED PRIEST PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rev. Sylvester Malone, pastor of the Roman Catholic church of Saints Peter and Paul, Brooklyn, died at his residence today, aged 79 years. He had been in failing health for some time past and took to his bed about three weeks ago. He was a members of the board of regents of the University of New York.

THREAD GOES UP.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It was announced at the office of the Clark Thread company in Newark, N. J., today, that the concern had made an advance on the price of cotton thread to the extent of about 15 cents a dozen spools in common with the other cotton thread concerns. The increase in the price of cotton and the increase in wages in the New England mills is given as the cause of the increase in price to the retailers.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; light northwest winds.

INDIANS HAVE SMALL-POX.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29.—A telephone message received here reports that small-pox has broken out among the Indians in the southern half of the Colville reservation.

The condition of General C. A. R. Dimon remains about the same. He is still in Salem and his physician will not allow his removal for at least a week. Perfect quiet is sure to bring about an improvement, and the general's Lowell friend will await with anxiety the arrival of the time when there is no further danger.

Constipation

Headache, biliousness, heartburn, indigestion, and all liver ills are cured by

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

WALTER F. KING, PRESIDENT OF THE Y. M. C. I.

FOR THE BOERS

Sympathy of Boston Common Council

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED LAST NIGHT

To be Sent to President Kruger

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The common council of Boston wound up its business for 1899 last night and one of its parting acts was the adoption of resolutions of sympathy for the Boers, after much spirited debate, as opposition was developed. The passage of the resolution was almost on party lines, the democrats in favor and the republicans against. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the common council of the city of Boston has heard of the magnificent struggle for independence and freedom from British tyranny which has been made by the Boer nation recently; and

Whereas, this branch of our city government believes that the Boers ought to be a free nation; be it

Resolved, that this council congratulates President Kruger and his people on their manly successes already achieved and we hope that the war shall end with a complete victory for the Boer arms.

Resolved, that the clerk of the common council be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to President Kruger."

The resolutions were proposed by Mr. Linehan of ward thirteen who in support of the same said that it was appropriate for this city, the home of Hancock, Otis, Samuel Adams and General Warren and the place in which is Faneuil hall, to go on record as in sympathy with the band of patriots in the Transvaal.

The opposition was on the ground that the war was something beyond our interference.

A resolution was adopted extending the sympathy of the council to the widow of General Lawton.

FALL RIVER MILLS

May Yet Pass Into Hands of Syndicate

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 29.—Supporters of mill consolidation in this city discredit the report that the Barrow, Wade and Guthrie syndicate had given up hope of gaining a controlling interest in Fall River mills. They say that the syndicate agents have options which will not expire until January 15th and are backed by a capital of $125,000,000.

Mill stocks are in good demand, with shareholders reluctant sellers. The market for print goods is firm and the mills are declaring quarterly dividends of 2 per cent, with a prospect that the average yearly dividend will reach at least 8 per cent.

The management of the Globe yarn and Sanford spinning mills have been given until Saturday to comply with the request of their operatives who have not been given the 10 per cent. advance conceded other operatives in this city. The assertion is also made that if the demand for an advance is not granted there will be a strike.

BADLY DAMAGED

SCHOONER RAN ON THE LEDGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MACHIAS, Me., Dec. 29.—The schooner Decatur, Captain Berry, which reached here yesterday, will have to be dry-docked on account of damages sustained in her recent passage from Boston to this port. Her hull is thought to be badly fractured as the result of having run on the ledges off Seabby Island in Machias bay, Wednesday night. Captain Berry considers it fortunate that his vessel was not completely wrecked, but she floated after having been on the rocks about two hours and the crew succeeded in working her into port, although she was almost unmanageable.

Y. M. C. I.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR ENSUING SIX MONTHS.

Last evening the Young Men's Catholic Institute held their regular meeting with the election of officers. At the business meeting unfinished business was completed, three new members were accepted and five propositions received. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing six months: President, Walter F. King; vice president, John H. Connor; treasurer, Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I.; financial secretary, Eugene C. Queenan; recording secretary, Walter E. Kane; board of trustees, Frank Cassidy, James A. Finnerty, James H. Flood and Patrick J. O'Brien; literary committee, Bryne Coleman, William Conway, Jas. Duggan, John H. Kerwin and John J. King; marshal, William McLaughlin. There will be a special meeting of the festival committee this evening. Arrangements are nearly compelted for the midwinter festival to be held by the Y. M. C. I in Associate hall, January 9th.

FREIGHT RATES

And Classification Considered by Interstate Commission

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Yesterday the interstate commerce commission in compliance with the request of the freight shippers and representatives of the commercial interests, transmitted to Attorney General Griggs a transcript of the evidence taken at the hearing last week respecting the new classification of the freight rates made by the official classification committee. The proposed classification is to be made effective on January 1 by all railroads using the official classification. These include more than sixty lines east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The petition of the shippers was that the commission should transmit the evidence taken before it to the attorney general. To the request of the shippers, the commission in part replies.

The boarders of Mrs. J. H. Brown of 241 Cabot street, Lawrence corporation, have presented her an elegant upholstered rocking chair.

STEAMER WRECKED

BUT NO LIVES WERE LOST

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Advices from Honolulu says the Island steamer Kilohana was wrecked December 10 at Lahaina. She ran on the reef between Lahaina and Kaanapali and is a total loss. No lives were lost. The weather was not rough and it is supposed that the accident was due to an error of calculation. The Kilohana had been in commission about a year and is valued at over $50,000. The vessel was owned by the Inter Island Steam Navigation company.

The First American bank of Hawaii a new banking institution in Honolulu will open a branch at Hilo, Hawaii, commencing business on January first.

The transports Dalney Vostok, Columbia, Warren and Sherman have all left Honolulu for Manila.

BURGLARS' WORK

THREE STORES ENTERED AND PLUNDER SECURED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MERRIMAC, Mass., Dec. 29.—Burglars visited this place during the night, visiting three stores and securing plunder from each. The S. Kempton Clothing company, Parker's drug store, and Story & Co., periodicals and confectionery, were the victims. At the Kempton company's place, 20 suits of clothing, several overcoats, and some small jewelry were carried. A small amount of money was taken from Parker's store and about $30 worth of cigars and cutlery from the store of Story & Co. It is thought that the burglars had a team. State Detective Hammond has been called to investigate the case.

MAN KILLED

AND ELEVEN PASSENGERS INJURED IN A COLLISION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 29.—The Cheyenne flyer of the Union Pacific railroad, crashed into the Boulder alley train at Brighton, Col., today. William Rundlehan, a baggageman, was killed and 11 persons were injured, one of them seriously.

FOUND IN PRISON

Local Inspectors Have Located Edward White

WHOM THEY SOUGHT FOR A YEAR

He is in a Rhode Island Prison

Inspectors Laflamme and Allen went to the Rhode Island state prison at Cranston, R. I., yesterday and identified Edward White, a convict as the flower thief who worked this city in November, 1898.

White, while in Lowell went to Sheppard, the florist, and representing himself as the employe of a well known Belvidere family, left an order for $40 worth of plants which he represented were to be used at a social that evening and returned to the florist. He informed the florist that he could arrange the plants himself and that he might leave them in the garden. Upon the delivery of the verdure, White came around with a wagon and carted them away, selling them around in the neighborhood. He is serving a sentence at Cranston for a similar offence. His term expires on March 16, but the local police cannot have him then, for the police of another city have put in an application for him for the same old offence.

MYSTERY SOLVED

Lowell Man Thought to Have Committed Suicide

A man who gave his name as Chas. P. Purington and claiming Lowell as his home, caused the people of the Belvidere section of Nashua no end of worry Wednesday. It appears that Pirington called at one hotel and left a valise and other belongings. Later he called and removed his baggage. The hotel keeper said he was under the influence of liquor. Wednesday night a valise and other articles were found on the banks of the Nashua river. The matter was reported to the police and before the hotel man was communicated with it was thought that a suicide had been committed. The Lowell man did not show up till Thursday afternoon to claim his goods. If he had appeared on the scene a little earlier he would have saved our up-the-river contemporaries the trouble of guaging the depth of the water at certain points in the Nashua river and just where the most convenient point would be for a man to say good bye to the world and jump overboard.

EARNING EXPENSES

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF HARPER & BROS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—At the instance of creditors whose claims aggregate nearly half the entire indebtedness of Harper Bros., a committee of five of which Alexander E. Orr, is chairman, has undertaken to prepare and submit to the creditors a plan of reorganization.

Preliminary to this task the committee has prepared a statement of facts in which it is set up that the total liabilities of Harper & Bros. on Dec. 4, 1899, were $3,083,000, diminished since the date named by the turning over of $150,000 of bonds, which leaves the total indebtedness $2,903,000. The secured indebtedness is $1,001,000.

Thomas J. Kennedy has been appointed inspector for the Lowell and Suburban company.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FIRST DROWNING

At Dracut in Winter in 30 Years

The unfortunate drowning of little Michael Smith by falling through the ice on the Beaver brook at the Navy Yard last Wednesday morning was indeed a sad fatality, and it goes on record as being the first drowning fatality by falling through the ice to occur in the town of Dracut in more than 30 years.

Many persons have been drowned in the town, but not in winter. It is to be hoped that this unfortunate affair will serve as a warning to other boys and even grown persons to keep away from the ice until they are sure it is safe, or they will be in danger of their lives. Beaver brook, particularly at the Navy Yard, is too large to risk skating on with such unfavorable weather for skating as we have had. It will be well for Lowell people to be careful about going on the ice.

GIFTED EGG EATER

SNUBBED IN A NEWARK COURT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"I will now prove to the honorable judge," said a defendant in the first district court, in Newark, yesterday, "that it is possible to eat two raw eggs on an empty stomach. I will now take these eggs in my right hand—"

"No, you won't," interrupted Judge Guild. "I forbid the exhibition."

The man who wanted to devour the raw eggs was Solomon Oury, once a Freeholder and now a prominent democratic politician. Michael Meyer, a horse dealer, had bet $10 that a man could not eat two raw eggs on an empty stomach.

The wrinkle in this bet is that after the first egg is eaten the stomach is not empty. Oury, however, got around this technicality by swallowing both eggs at once. Michael Wragge, the stake holder, gave the money to him, but Meyer, claiming a foul, sued to get it back.

"I put both eggs in my mouth," Oury assured the court, "crunch them and reject the shells. Then before you can say 'Jack Robinson' I gulp down the egg meat at one draught."

"I saw him do it," said the stakeholder, Wragge.

"No such thing," contradicted Meyer.

Then Oury produced two eggs and offered to repeat the feat. The court ruled that as the whole transaction was a gambling one, it was illegal and void. The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff.

After the hearing Oury insisted on doing his egg-swallowing feat outside the court, before a large and appreciative crowd. Several persons offered to buy eggs for him as long as he would swallow them.

Newark "sports" have been making the old bet for years. Large sums of money have changed hands at these egg matches.

LIABILITIES $30,000

BROCKTON SHOE FIRM MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—Ware & Lincoln, shoe manufacturers, made an assignment yesterday to F. M. Bixby of this city and A. S. Davis of Melrose. Liabilities about $30,000; assets nominally the same.

The firm makes and has medium grade men's shoes and has been turning out about sixty dozen pairs a day.

James Sidney Allen, doing business under the name of James S. Allen Shoe company, made an assignment yesterday to H. T. Marshall. Assets and liabilities small.

Mr. Allen was at one time one of the largest shoe manufacturers in the city.

INSURANCE COMPANIES

OF ILLINOIS DECIDE TO AMALGAMATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 29.—By a vote of 17,097 to 75, the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance Association of this city decided to amalgamate with the Northwestern Life Assurance company of Chicago. This is the largest insurance transfer on record as the 28,000 members of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance association whose policies aggregate $45,000,000, will go over to the Northwestern company in a body. The matter is likely to get into the courts, however, as some of the minority are determined to stop the transfer if possible. As soon as the meeting adjourned, President Smollinger of the Covenant association signed the contract for the transfer and gave a deed for the property of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance to Stewart Godrell of Chicago, as trustee. The advance cash amounting to $52,000, was turned over to the Northwestern company. Godrell holds the balance of the property and an amount of over $390,000, with which he will liquidate the liabilities of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance association amounting to $336,000.

MISS WIER'S PAY

As Teacher at the Training School

SUPT. WHITCOMB EXPLAINS HER POSITION

She Will Teach Four Days a Month

The water board will meet this evening.

In regard to the services and salary of Miss Irene Wier who has been engaged to teach at the Training school Supt. Whitcomb says:

"I regret that the reports as published in the newspapers were misleading though not through any fault of the reporters. Miss Wier has been engaged to come here not over four times a month. She will teach and after school hours will give a lecture to the teachers of the school. Her compensation will be $10 per lesson with $5 additional for expenses. Many believed upon reading the papers that Miss Wier would teach four days a week at $15 per day which is not the case. She may not teach four times a month that number being the maximum."

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

LIEUT.-GOV. WOODRUFF OF NEW YORK AFTER IT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, Chairman Atterbury and Executive Chairman Dady, of the Kings county republican committee and other vice presidential boomers of the presiding officer of the state senate, held a prolonged conference in the Home Life Insurance building yesterday afternoon. Plans were laid for prosecuting the hunt for delegates outside as well as inside of New York state. The reported taking up, first of Elihu Root and then of Cornelius N. Bliss by the McKinley administration has aroused Woodruff's friends.

One of those who participated in yesterday's conference said afterward: "The man who secures the pledge of the vote of the 72 New York delegates will be McKinley's running mate next year. Woodruff has already pledged to him the 10 delegates from Kings; nearly every member of the republican state committee is at work for him. Gov. Roosevelt has promised his support. George W. Aldridge and John R. Hazel, who control the western New York delegates, are laboring for him. Every one of the New York county district leaders from Chairman Quigg down is for him.

"But Platt has not openly spoken for Woodruff," the speaker was reminded.

"Platt has long ago assured Woodruff of his hearty support," was the reply. "He will make his preference known at the April state convention, if not before. Kings county organization would not have endorsed Woodruff without Platt's knowledge.

"Senator Hanna, who has been reported as opposing Woodruff, is changing his mind since learning that the president will not express a preference, and that Woodruff is a crack-a-jack politician. Friends of Woodruff have recently asked the president if he desired either Root or Bliss. His reply has been that New York state must choose the vice presidential nominee for herself, and that he will in no way interfere."

WALTER CAMP

MAY SUPERVISE ALL COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—The third annual meeting of the society of college gymnasium directors opened here this afternoon with an attendance of about thirty directors from a score of colleges and universities. The first session opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the address of President Dr. Dudley A. Sargent of Harvard, who briefly outlined the work of the convention. Dr. Edward Hitchcock of Amherst college, followed with an address on "What Action Can be Taken to Increase the Dignity and Importance of the Physical Work in the Estimation of College Authorities."

Dr. W. C. Anderson of Yale delivered a brief address on "What is the best means of preventing students from entering athletic contests who are in a crippled condition."

Dr. Anderson strongly favored a scheme such as will probably soon be put into force and effect at Yale in appointing a man of wide athletic experience, a college graduate, and one in touch with the students, to supervise athletics and to deal with all its questions. For that we want such a man as Walter Camp, said Dr. Anderson, and he will probably be chosen.

Dr. W. H. Baribeault of Spencer, Mass., has been visiting friends in this city.

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MAN SANDBAGGED

REYNOLD SEYBOLD GAGGED AND THROWN INTO A MILL RACE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WATERLOO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Wednesday evening Reynold Seybold was sandbagged and robbed. He was then bound gagged and thrown into a mill race.

When he did not return home his wife became alarmed and a searching party was sent out. Seybold was found lying in about a foot of water, gagged and with his hands tied. In some manner he had worked his hands round in front of his face and his head was held above the water.

The physicians worked until late this morning, when he became conscious, but was still in such a dazed condition that he could give no account of the holdup. It is thought he will die.

KRISS KRINGLE SOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 29.—Kriss Kringle, the great selling plater, has been purchased from Dr. Bryd, by T. W. Colt, of New York, for $3000.

Music Hall

Three days commencing Monday, Jan. 1, Wednesday matinee.

EXTRA.

Harry Ryan's Australian Burlesquers,

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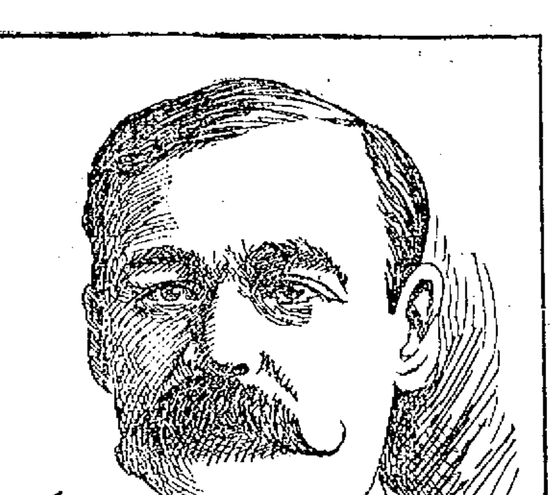

SUPT. WYMAN OF THE PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

By Supt. Wyman and Secy. Courtney on the Care and Needs of the Poor of Lowell--Some Valuable Suggestions Contained in the Reports

The overseers of the poor held their final meeting at the city farm for 1899 last evening and all were present except Mr. Hunt, who is out of town.

Previous to the meeting, a tour of the buildings was made, the overseers finding the same general excellence prevailing that has characterized Mr. Wyman's administration.

Secretary Courtney read a letter from a man named Handley of Chicopee Falls, who stated that he would like to be a candidate for the superintendency. The reading of the letter was received with applause.

Two pardons were granted and the secretary was notified to place two orphan children in St. Patrick's orphan asylum. Seven paupers requested their discharges.

Supt. Wyman's monthly report was as follows: Whole number of inmates, 387; admitted during the month, 52; discharged, 58; deaths, 5; births, 1; tramps, 109.

Secretary Courtney read Supt. Wyman's report of the year up to the present time, the year being unfinished until December 31.

SUPT. WYMAN'S REPORT.

Supt. Wyman's report is as follows:

City Farm, Lowell, Dec. 28, 1899.

To the Board of Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the usual custom I present, as far as possible, my annual report as superintendent of the city farm up to the present time.

APPROPRIATION.

At the meeting of the committee on appropriations held in January, it was decided that $42,000 would be sufficient for the expenditures of the city farm for the ensuing year. This was a decrease of $2300 from the appropriation of preceeding years, but I am pleased to say that this sum has not been exceeded.

Owing to the increase in the price of provisions, the cost of maintenance per capita has somewhat increased; such staple articles as sugar, tea, have nearly doubled in price, while the cost of cotton, woolen, leather goods and hardware, has also been greatly increased.

The provision orders furnished the outdoor relief have really cost more per order than the amount of transfer.

Three thousand five hundred and forty-one provision orders aggregating $5115, have been delivered from the farm during the past 11 months.

REPAIRS.

The buildings are out of repair and there are a great many changes needed to bring the place to perfection.

On entering on my duties in January I found a great many of the farming implements not properly housed, wagons standing out exposed to the elements, and broken down carts lying in the yard. These I have put in thorough repair, and have housed all farm implements.

The cellar windows of the male insane department have been enlarged, fire escapes made accessible (as per order of the state board of lunacy and charity) a new floor has been laid in the hall adjoining the office, set tubs and a water closet in the basement, (as recommended by the state board.)

The room adjoining the nursery dormitory, formerly used as a store room, has been fitted up and is now used as an isolated ward for children with infectious diseases.

The men's hospital has been reslated, new mattresses have been furnishd, blankets for the entire institution, shower bath for the women insane, bath tub and water closet in the female pauper department, thus saving old and decrepit women the travel of four flights of stars, and a new fence has been built to shelter the greenhouse.

SUGGESTIONS.

We are greatly in need of a new piggery, more fited room for storage in the winter months, separate wards for consumptive, cancer and syphilitic patients, and the ventilation of the women's hospital should be attended to at once.

In fact, the institution should have a thorough inspection and needed repairs made at once to place the buildings on a par with other institutions of its kind.

STOCK.

On the 1st of Jan., 1899, I found there were 18 cows. Of these 10 were farrow, making the supply of milk very short. To make the supply equal the demand, 4 cows were purchased and the supply has since been sufficient.

There were also 12 horses in the stable. Of these one was killed (as per vote of the board) and a new one purchased, making the number the same.

WOOD YARD.

This branch of the department has continued about the same as in recent years. Two drivers and four horses are employed in the work and are kept busy supplying the demands made upon them. From Jan. 1st, '99 to Dec. 1st, of the same year, 3613 orders of wood and coal have been delivered from this yard to the worthy poor of our city from the outdoor relief department.

Besides this 156 cords of wood have been furnished the school department, and 110 baskets of wood and coal were furnished the elections department. The sawing, as heretofore, is done by tramps who apply for a night's lodging, and by men who apply for aid and are able to work for their provisions.

Five hundred forty-seven dollars and fifty cents has thus far been accredited the out door relief for this labor.

FARM PRODUCE.

The hay and apple crops have been small, but other products have fully equaled or exceeded the crops of former years.

We have suffered greatly from the lack of male help, the supply from the police station for the months of June, July and August, being less than one-third of the number for the corresponding months of previous years.

The products are as follows:

Hay	71 tons, 570 lbs
Clover	8 tons, 235 lbs
Corn fodder	10 tons
Beets	126 bushels
Turnips	118 bushels
Onions	180 bushels
Strawberries	123 boxes
String beans	75 bushels
Tomatoes	590 bushels
Cucumbers	98 bushels
Green corn	238 bbls
Cabbage	5812 heads
Carrots	2111 lbs
Squash	21,000 lbs
Apples	11 bbls
Lettuce	85 dozen
Green peas	77 bushels
Poultry dressed	256 lbs
Pork dressed	6110 lbs
Potatoes	1937 bushels

ALMSHOUSE, 1899.

	Males	Females	Tls.
Remaining Jan. 1	161	243	404
Admitted to Dec. 1	284	229	513
Discharged	314	236	550
Number supported	450	467	917
Births	8	5	13
Deaths	33	42	75
Remaining Dec. 1, '99	136	211	347
Tramps Jan. 1 to Dec. 1			1253

WORKHOUSE, 1899.

	Males	Females	Tls.
Remaining Jan. 1, '99	26	36	62
Admitted to Dec. 1	46	58	104
Discharged	63	77	140
Number supported	72	94	166
Remaining Dec. 1 '99	9	17	26
Total no. supported	522	561	1083

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 1ST, 1899.

Appropriation		$42,000.22
Transfers accredited		10,595.05
Transfers not accredited for Nov		520.58
Monthly bills	$36,704.22	
Pay roll	12,070.58	
Bal. on hand Dec. 1	4,904.06	
	$53,678.86	$53,678.86

Secretary Courtney read his annual report up to date, a most complete and interesting discourse on pauperism in Lowell.

After reading his report, Secretary Courtney stated that there is no department that suffers more under the present city charter than the outdoor relief. The department has to pay for Lowell cases outof town out of its appropriation, while the reimbursements from out of town go into the general treasury fund instead of to the credit of the outdoor relief department.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the secretary.

It was expected that there would be considerable excitement at the meeting but it did not materialize.

Secretary Courtney's report was as follows:

To the Members of the Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen: In accordance with the provisions of your rules, I herewith present my annual report as superintendent of out-door relief for the municipal year of 1899. The time does not admit of a conclusive financial report as the figures will not be in until the first day of the next month, but such figures as are possible to compute are hereunto attached and the balance will be read at the next meeting of the overseers in time to appear in your annual report to the mayor and the members of the city council.

The report for the present year differs but little in the matter of the business of the department from that of its predecessors. We go on yearly in the same rut, complying with and refusing requests for assistance and acknowledging and denying claims for settlement made by cities and towns against us. Our people without money become sick and insane, and we pay their bills while forces of circumstances resulting principally from sickness and death, places yearly in our hands large numbers of children whose care and maintenance become our duty. The provisions of the pauper laws of the commonwealth compel us to do all of these things as they have compelled previous board of overseers in the past. Successive boards of overseers of the poor have done from the first just as we are doing now and those who are to follow will go on, I presume, hand in hand with civilization and Christianity until the end of time.

While the current year undoubtedly shows marked improvement in the thoroughness of detail that marks the methods of caring for our dependents over those of 1889, still the actual business of the department was actually the same then as now. The intervening years have developed a system of caring for our unfortunates that is well nigh perfect; still during all of those years very little if anything at all has been done towards the entire removal of pauperism by finding out its direct causes. In our efforts to remove the evil tree of pauperism, we have confined our attacks to the ends of the topmost and overspreading branches, while the boughs and the trunk are allowed to gain strength and vigor from the unmolested roots which spread in all directions in a most fertile soil.

The evil is not only ever present but is constantly growing. It is greater today than it was 20 years ago and at that time it was greater than 20 years before. If it continues to increase with the incoming years with that proportion that has marked its progress in the past, it will soon become a menace to public progress. The passage of pauper laws don't decrease it any, in fact they seem to foster it. Prosperity in industrial channels put a check to it but fails to remove it entirely. No measure passed heretofore seems to have any effect on its progress and it grows on apace. What is absolutely necessary is to combat the evil at its very roots. It is the duty of the state legislature to appoint a board of competent citizens who will investigate into the real causes of pauperism and devise remedial measures for its removal. Of course it cannot be removed at once nor probably entirely. Still, if judicious measures will be taken, the benefits that will accrue to the entire public will be incalculable. If the efforts of the past century had been directed to the removal of pauperism instead of caring for its products there is no doubt in my mind that the number of public dependents would ever reach the high number it has at present.

What is radically wrong is the giving of aid, either on the outside or in the almshouse, to able-bodied, healthy men and women who are able to work. No person should be pauperized who is fit to work and the supplying of that work is the coming duty of either the state, county or municipality. When a city can furnish a means of livelihood to those of its citizens who are unable to earn more, then will the business of the pauper department be at a standstill and the almshouse will be looking for inmates. But the total removal of pauperism is hardly for our time and we will have to content ourselves with restricting its progress as far as possible.

The business of the past year in demands for out-door relief has not been as heavy as for some years. This may seem strange from the fact that the total amount expended will reach figures almost up to those of the last year or two. But this is due to the fact that more aid was given to many individual cases. Many people who were assisted but once a month heretofore have been helped twice a month this year. The demands have been less this year than for many years past. I am happy to be able to say that the present outlook gives every indication of a still further decrease in the outdoor relief business. An idea in the falling off of the business in the past few months can be formed by a comparison of the business now and one year ago. At the last regular meeting last year, I notified the members of the board that there were then on the list waiting for assistance 84 applicants after the regular orders for the day had been made. We were unable to keep up with the demands. Today it is different. We are all caught up and have been so for the past three months.

Whether this is caused by the seven months of no-license or by the improved condition of the labor market or by both is a question that will admit of much argument, and I will leave it to you to draw your own conclusions. One thing is certain and that is that the applicants as a rule have been much more worthy people than heretofore, and their condition has not been attended with so much squalor and suffering. By this I do not mean to say that we have rid ourselves of all of the unworthy element this year. That would be impossible as they are as much a part of the department as the overseers themselves. They are always in evidence and are the direct creators of all of the disgusting scenes that are incidental to life in the slums. To rid that class of pauperism is a task that borders on the impossible. In 90 per cent. of such cases, it is an heirloom that is bred in the bone, and descends to successive generations with a certainty that is remarkable. Our books go back to 1833, and in them can be traced the family history of the majority of the chronic cases of today. This only goes to show the futility of the laws in the decreasing of pauperism. It is an axiom among pauper officials the country over that once a family becomes a chronic pauper, they seldom get away from it again and their progeny constantly appear for different kinds of help.

The closeness of poverty to crime is the great blot on our social system. They are so closely allied as to be well nigh inseparable and one is a great producer of the other. Poverty, apart from crime brings to the department a class of worthy applicants, to help whom is a pleasure and from whom there is never any trouble. Their poverty, the result of sickness or inability to get work is generally of short duration and is never an imposition on the public funds. Against this class no words of condemnation ever comes from this office, nor were any ever intended. I highly esteem and appreciate the privilege given me to be able to lighten their load somewhat and to assist them over the troublesome places in their journey. In my dealings with this class, I have always endeavored to show them that consideration which I feel that the members of this board, both collectively and individually, would have me show. They are the ones for whom out-door relief was originally intended and by good rights should be the ones to receive it.

It is from poverty connected with crime where our troubles originate. This kind of poverty breeds that large class of chronic paupers who are a disgrace to civilization and an insult to Christianity. They are common to every pauper department throughout the state and are the decayed layer in life's social strata. Huddled together in wretched hovels, they go through life intent only on satisfying the cravings of their appetites and beastly passions. They furnish populations for our criminal, pauper and insane institutions. They are the wreckers of the prosperity of the future, as it is from their ranks that the paupers and criminals are to come. What chance have the children of such parents to become upright citizens? Accustomed to scenes of poverty, vice and wickedness from the time they first begin to notice anything until they reach the years of reason, they learn nothing else. Their inherent love for their parents is stunted by the knowledge of the faults and crimes of those parents and they grow from infancy to childhood and from childhood to boyhood or girlhood with the influence of good example ever wanting. Their path from the cradle to the reformatory institutions and afterwards to the prison cells is as straight as one could make it. They can't help it as they can't keep away from it.

During my time in the pauper department, I have seen so much of this sort of thing that my soul cries out for a change by the passing of remedial measures. I have watched the course of so many of them almost always with the same inevitable result. I first formed their acquaintance in the office whither they came either with their parents or to make application for aid for the family; I afterwards get them when I have to take them to the farm when they have been deserted or while their parents are serving a sentence in some institution. After that they come under me frequently and I get to know them well. As time goes by, I am sure to find them in the police court booked either for truancy or petty larceny and from that out, their steps downwards are rapid.

I have found those children bright, lovable and affectionate. They are the innocent victims of the sins of their parents. There is much of latent good in them that needs only a wholesome healthy environment to bring it out. They are just as susceptible to the influences of good as to that of evil, but the latter is the rule while the former is but the exception. See some of them after they have been in the truant school awhile and you would not want to find beter boys. The great trouble is that much of the good they receive while at that school is lost when they go out and return to the scenes and life from which they came. This is the class for whose salvation every effort possible should be made. To fight the evils of the future, you have to improve the condition of the child of today. To allow them to follow in the footsteps of their parents is but encouraging the making of paupers and criminals. Radical measures should be taken to reach those children even at the expense of long established social customs. No matter how we regret to do such things, the condition of society demands that it be done. Regardless of the character of the parents, it is not a very pleasant duty to take the children from them, but in many cases it is better for both the child and the state.

The imperative demands of today are the adoption of measures that will improve the condition of the so-called 'children of the slums.' It can and should be done. It would be done if our people would stop for a moment and look into the existing condition of things. If they would visit the tenements wherein those children pass their lives, they would become convinced of the necessity for a change. If they would but study those children, and learn their wants, the change would surely follow. The great trouble is that we live in too small a sphere and we remain unacquainted with the wants of those really near to us.

The recommendation that comes from Boston against the commitment to jail for ordinary offences of drunkenness is a step in the right direction. Such commitments accomplish but little good and cause additional expense to this department. When the head of the family is sent away the small income that the family received is shut off entirely and they come to us for help. The mother and family of children are the real sufferers. Many of those sent away for illegally selling liquor this year left destitute families who had to be cared for by this department. In the majority of such cases, it is wrong to assist them but very often the question of right is subservient to the question of expediency. You cannot allow them to suffer from hunger and cold and it is cheaper to assist them on the outside than to be burdened with their full support in the almshouse. In connection with the business sent us through the police station we have had this year 44 cases of delirium tremens against 27 cases last year. We have had good luck in all such cases, every one having recovered.

The present year has been the most expensive in the care of the insane and the number we have at present in the different state hospitals was never so large. With the advent of good times we can expect to see a falling off in the number of new cases.

In the cost of caring for our sick we are less expensive at home than away. We have been unlucky in having several expensive cases out of town, each one of whom was too ill to be moved. According to the opinion of the city solicitor, this branch of the department will have to pay the city of Chelsea for the care of the small-pox patient they had there who was settled in this city.

The dispensary and the dispensary doctors have had a very successful year. Mr. Keith, the dispensary clerk, has kept his expenses down and has given intelligent attention to his duties.

The ambulances have gone along without bother this year, no complaint having reached the office. The present staff of drivers are experienced men who have had service enough to enable them to be of great assistance to those who come under their care. The ambulance has responded to 903 calls during the year and has had 307 accident cases and 540 removal of sick cases.

The detail work of the office has been done with a thoroughness that I can cheerfully recommend. The most important of all the office work is the determining of the question of settlements. A loose and slipshod handling of settlement claims would entail a very severe output on the city. The figures that will be presented at the next meeting will give you a better idea of the amount of work done in the office than any words of mine can convey. I am glad to state that the relations between members of the board and the office have been of a most cordial nature. There has never been the least friction and each has co-operated with the other in their efforts to be of use.

In conclusion I have to thank the members of the board, the superintendent and matron of the farm and all of the subordinate employes of the department for their universal kindness shown me. To each and every one I wish lives of continued usefulness and many years of happiness and prosperity."

The financial report for 11 months, summarized, was as follows:

Ambulance, $3632.91; orders on stores, $1169.17; orders from farm, $11,074.38; cash allowances, $2679.81; secretary's office, $861.55; sundries, $94.27; cities and towns, $1270.81; hospitals, $7269.98; commonwealth, $503.56; coffins and interments, $735.50; physicians, $1461.11; dispensary, $1245.65; care of children, $2747.78; total, $38062.81.

BILL INTRODUCED

FOR AN INCREASE IN LETTER CARRIERS PAY.

Following is the new bill introduced in congress by Congressman Mudd affecting the salaries of letter carriers, the same having been referred to the committee on post offices and post roads:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That beginning with the first fiscal year after the approval of this act, the pay of letter carriers in all cities for the first year of service shall be six hundred dollars; for the second year of service shall be eight hundred dollars; for the third year of service shall be one thousand dollars; for the fourth year of service and thereafter shall be one thousand two hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Don't forget the last recital of the year, Sunday afternoon, at Odd Fellows 'hall, when Adamowsky, the famous 'cellist of the Boston Symphony orchestra, and Lane, the popular tenor of the Boston Cadet operas will be the soloists. As some people think the 20th century begins on the following day, the orchestral society will give it a good send-off by playing the national airs and the large audience will join in singing our national anthem "America." It will be a patriotic occasion. The orchestra will also play "Peer Gynt," a very beautiful and descriptive picture in four parts, opening with a rustic scene, suggestive of birds and sunshine and new mown hay, followed by a death-bed scene, a dance in the Arabian desert and the wild music of the Imps. Reserved seats for this recital at Austin's Music Store for 25 cents.

MATRIMONIAL.

At St. Peter's parochial residence on Wednesday evening, Mr. James Donnelly and Miss Bridget McCann were united in marriage by Rev. Fr. Michael Ronan. Mr. Michael Donnelly, cousin the groom was best man and Miss Annie G. Rafferty, niece of the bride was bridesmaid.

After the ceremony a reception, supper and entertainment folowed at the home of the bride, 46 Crosby street. The ushers were Messrs. John Drain, Arthur McCann and Joseph Montgomery. Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Harley, Miss Annie Cass, Miss Mary McQuaid and Miss Maggie Jane McCann. The guests were entertained in a pleasing way by Master Roarke in violin selections. There were solos by Miss Harriet Mitchell, Miss Katie Agnes Rafferty, Miss Marie McGovern, Mr. Thomas Hanley, Mr. John Leonard. Among the out of town guests present were Mr. Thomas Arthur McCann of Fall River, Miss Mary Donnelly of Boston, Messrs. Charles T and Patrick J. Toy of Jamaica Plain and Miss Eliza Toy of Boston. The young couple were the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly will reside at their new home, 36 Cedar street. The bride is a sister of Arthur McCann, the shoe dealer on Gorham, formerly a compositor on the Citizen.

MALONEY—CALLAHAN.

Joseph P. Moloney and Miss Eliza Callahan were united in matrimony Wednesday night at the parochial residence of St. Peter's parish, Rev. Michael Ronan performing the matrimonial ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Minnie Callahan, and William Callahan was best man. After a brief wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Moloney will reside on Whipple street.

The directors of the Traders' National bank have declared semi-annual dividend number fifteen of four per cent, making seven per cent for the year, payable January 8th to stockholders of record at the close of this year.

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MERRIMACK, PALMER AND MIDDLE STREETS.

Dr. Hamblett M. Moore from Thibodeaux, La., and Dr. Shepard Moore from New Iberia were in the city Sunday to attend the funeral of their father, John Moore. While in the city they stopped with their family at 365 Lincoln street, returning home last Wednesday.

Odd Fellows Hall, Sunday Dec. 31

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

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INFORMATION Wanted—Over twenty-seven years (27) years ago, George McEwan and family left Ottawa, Canada, for Lowell, Mass. In 1873 they lived in the suburbs of Lowell, in Ayer's City, near the tanneries. A Mr. McDonald occupied part of the two-tenement house they lived in. George McEwan and some of his children then worked in the cotton mills. A son learned his trade as tinsmith. George McEwan left a married daughter, Mrs. Patrick Sullivan, in Ottawa. Any information concerning any of them will be gladly received by Miss M. H. Sullivan, 108½ Clarence st., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

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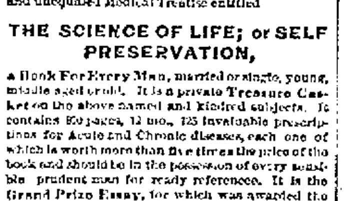

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Do You See the Point?

NIGHT WORK IN THE MILLS.

Attorney General Knowlton has given a decision by which he will probably square himself with the people of Fall River. A short time ago he gave an opinion in regard to firemen which aroused the indignation of that craft. He thought that although the law says all mill firemen shall be licensed, still it was in accordance with the law to have non-licensed firemen work under one who was licensed. This favored the mills during a strike, but a test case was brought against one of the mills and Judge McDonough gave a decision contrary to the opinion given out by Mr. Knowlton and backed it up with proofs that could not be gainsaid.

In the present case, Mr. Knowlton decides for the operatives against the mills working women or minors at night, and in this he is generally sustained by those who were opposed to him before. The mill managers who accepted his opinion as law in the first case will surely give it equal consideration in this case. This will probably put a stop to night work in Fall River. It will at least stop women and minors who work during the day from working at night.

But here comes the point that concerns Lowell. If night work by women and minors is against the law in Fall River, why not in Lowell. It is a well known fact that the evening school attendance has been greatly reduced since the night work began. This should be looked into by the state inspectors and stopped at once. If night work is necessary and we don't believe it is, it should be carried on by a relay of help in compliance with the law. Let male adults be employed, not women and minors. In this case the laboring people will stand for Mr. Knowlton's opinion, and they hope Chief Wade will enforce the law as the attorney general has directed in Lowell as well as in Fall River.

Speaking of the overtime work in the Fall River mills, the Globe of that city remarks:

This overtime business as the Globe has before contended, amounts virtually to a backward step in the policy of the commonwealth in uplifting and protecting those of its working people who are in need of its care an assistance for their own benefit and incidentally for the general welfare of the body politic. Moreover, the conditions are such at the present time in the cotton manufacturing industry as to offer no justification whatever for crowding labor and robbing it of any advantages and favors that it has acquired. On the other hand the situation warrants for the operatives, not only a just but a liberal recognition of their legal rights and we are pleased to know that in the matter in point it is the determination of the commonwealth authorities to insist that such rights shall be secured to them.

New Bedford Standard, a republican paper, in regard to sympathy in the South African war, says:

A good many writers who discuss the subject, and not a few speakers who talk about it, insist that the sympathy of this country is strongly with England in the matter of the South African war. We doubt it, unless by "the country" is meant selected people. Most of our people who were born in England, sympathize with their mother country; so do men who have social or business ties in England; and there are many of both classes. Outside of these, and especially with what are called "the common people," it seems to us, from what we have been able to gather, that the trend of sympathy is very largely the other way. If you go out on the street and ask the mechanic or the clerk what he thinks about the matter, if he has any thought at all, he will tell you that he hopes Kruger will give the British a blamed good licking. Of the wisdom of his position or of its justice we make no comment here. That he maintains it there is little doubt.

Apropos of the complaints of parents about the spread of the cigarette habit it may be remarked that the charge of spreading this vile habit is laid at the door of the schools, chiefly the grammar schools and the High school. The principals of the schools should look into the matter and do what they can to stop the use of cigarettes among pupils. A boy who persists in the use of cigarettes should be expelled. Until some such rule as this is adopted, the vile habit will spread apace.

The Nashua Telegraph says:

A southern cotton manufacturer scouts the idea that southern mills are competing with those of the north. It is with European mills that the cotton factories are competing. Out of an annual average of 11,000000 bales of cotton produced in the United States, only 3,000,000 are consumed at home, while the other 8,000,000 find their way across the water. While this condition lasts and so long as our cotton goes abroad American mill men cannot claim that they are competing with each other.

Some idea of the cruelties of war may be obtained from the fact that Aguinaldo's wife died soon after giving birth to a child when on her flight with her husband to avoid capture. That incident is only laughed at by the Americans who pursue him and yet he is an educated gentleman and a better general than most of those commissioned to run him down. He has made a gallant stand for liberty and had he at his command one tenth the resources of our army, he could keep up the fight indefinitely. Aguinaldo's case is but one out of thousands in which homes have been scattered and ruined and families torn apart by the horror of war in the most cruel and unjustifiable form, all against a people struggling to be free.

"Trusts create the scarcity which they make the excuse for their extortions. They destroy competition, which left free, would equalize demand and supply. They deprive the young and the poor of equality, of opportunity, which is the underpinning of our political system. They degrade labor by impairing its independence; they are public enemies, and their existence is a reproach to civilization." John J. Ingalls in New York Journal.

Governor Pingree has narrowly escaped impeachment for alleged connection with the McLeod municipal ownership bill which brought out some evidence of corruption. Judging from Pingree's own statement of the large sums he refused as bribes we can hardly believe that he would enter any corrupt deal for personal gain. His accusers in all probability are the guilty parties.

A great many of the sympathizers with Great Britain in her present difficulty are foolishly jealous of any counter sympathy for the Boers. They should realize that justice is on the side of the Boers and that their many victories over the British have gained them world-wide sympathy.

The Lowell admirers of General Lawton have now an opportunity to contribute to the Lawton fund. Lawton died a soldier's death in the service of his country and the country should provide for his family.

The republican party seems to be moving steadily in its onward course to defeat. The imperial policy backed up by the proposed financial legislation and the protection of the trusts will do the work.

Ex-Secretary Gage says that when he gets through in his present office, he will settle down in New England. Perhaps the west is getting too hot for him.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night

WAMESIT TOURNAMENT

STANDING OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS IN CONTEST.

The following is the standing of the teams in the Wamesit bowling tournament, recently concluded:

Team.	Points Won.	Points Lost.	P.C. Won.
Pawtuckets	27	9	[illegible]
Young Fellows	26	10	.722
Wamesits	25	11	.695
Columbias	15	21	.417
Wannalancits	7	29	.194
H. C. club	0	20	.000

(Five games.)

The individual single string averages are as follows:

Players.	Averages.	Games Played
Grover, P.	177 2-27	9
Farrell, Y. F.	177 1-27	9
Kelley, Y. F.	171 1-21	9
Fletcher, P.	168 18-27	9
McCormick, Wam.	168 12-27	9
Clogston, P.	167 4-27	9
D. Donahue, Y. F.	166 13-27	9
Gregory, Wam.	165 12-27	9
Brainard, Wam.	165 8-24	8
O. Donahoe, Y. F.	164 18-27	9
Patten, P.	164 15-27	9
Merrill, Wam.	163 10-27	9
Dearth, Wam.	162 21-27	9
Stevens, Wam.	162	7
G. Kelley, C.	161	5
Knapp, P.	160 4-27	9
Fullerton, C.	160 2-21	7
Howes, C.	159 12-24	8
Mansur, Wam.	155 15-21	7
Campbell, C.	151 9-21	7
Chicken, C.	159 15-24	8
Horton, Wam.	150 13-21	7
Fowler, Wam.	148 11-27	9
Simmons, C.	145 7-21	7
Anderson, Wam.	151 6-18	6
Durnam, Y. F.	162 7-15	5
McCurdy, H. C.	143 1-15	5
Shay, H. C.	141 6-12	4
Crawford, H. C.	135 1-12	4
Halstead, H. C.	158	3
Gardner, H. C.	117 6-9	3
Wiley, H. C.	127 8-9	3
Gale, H. C.	121 1-9	3
Kittredge, Wam.	160 1-3	1
Wellman, Wam.	151	1
Sawyer, P.	151 1-3	1
Peabody, Wam.	151	1
Farley, Wam.	141	1
Thompson, Wam.	143 2-3	1
J. Farrell, H. C.	143	1
Ware, H. C.	142	1
Murphy, Wam.	137 1-3	1
F. Farrell	131	1
Titus, H. C.	124	1
Adams, Wam.	128	1
Haggett, Wam.	124 1-3	1

BENEFIT MEETING

HELD BY LOWELL SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY.

A benefit meeting was given last night by the members of the Lowell Spiritualist society in aid of Mr. Clinton Rollins, a former railroad conductor, who has been confined to his home since January last. The audience was not very large but those who attended were rewarded with an interesting and instructive entertainment.

The entertainment was presided over by Frank Jordan and "Rock of Ages" was sung as the opening hymn by the audience after which "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye" was sung.

Mrs. Annie Jones of this city was then presented to the audience and she read one of Will Carleton's poems entitled "Reunited" with tender pathos. The efficient accompanist of the evening was Miss Tena Ross of Centralville and she presided with skill and ability. Miss Vina Rawlinson and Miss Ross sang very sweetly "Two Lives" after which Miss Blanche Brainard, the well known medium, through the instrumentality of two of her guides, held those present with intense interest. "Charity" was the subject of the evening and Miss Brainard through her guides, delivered a forceful, eloquent appeal. During her talk, she defined what is meant by the word "infinite" and the results attending a life of selfishness. Charity with all its environments was graphically illustrated and Miss Brainard's hearers were impressed at the intelligence possessed by the speaker who was completely under the control of her guide.

The meeting came to a successful close at 10.30, the audience singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

ARE WITH BOERS

Ringing Resolution Adopted by Fall River Hibernians

The following resolutions in regard to the Boers have been unanimously adopted by the Hiberians of Fall River:

Whereas, We the members of Division Eleven, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Fall River, Mass.—do unfalteringly believe that nations like individuals, have "an inalienable right to the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,"— and most firmly believing as we do, that might does not make right and never will so long as God shall be the supreme judge of nations as He is of men,—and,

Whereas, England,—the Shylock of European politics, whose national existence is made up of avarice, hypocrisy and perfidy—has turned her covetous eyes upon the Boers of the Transvaal and with her historic effrontery has demanded from them the gold fields of the South African republic to temporarily appease her never-satisfied hankering after her "pound of flesh,"— and

Whereas, These sturdy Dutch farmers —under the wise, patriotic and brave civic and military leadership of Kruger and Joubert—are embattled in a deadly conflict in defense of their "homes, heir altars and their fires," and are successfully resisting the onslaughts of the British invaders led by White and Gatacre and Methuen an Buller, —Be it therefore

Resolved, That we do most solemnly protest against the injustice and inhumanity of this latest English war of greed, subjugation and robbery,—inaugurated at the instigation of the treachery of Chamberlain,—fought in a great measure by Irish soldiers whose hearts should never beat under the red coat of the British uniform—directed by Wolseley, the Irish commander-in-chief of the British army, and to retrieve the losses of which and to change defeat into victory, England has ordered to South Africa the Irish Roberts and the Irish Kitchener,— and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our warmest sympathy to the brave Boers in their heroic struggle for their birthright of freedom and with our sympathy we promise them our material aid and assistance, and while, on this Christmas eve, we help to swell the chorus of Christendom in singing "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will,"—we still pray the Babe of Bethlehem and the God of Battles that he will foster and guide the cause, and make true the aim, and victorious the arms of the people of the Transvaal, to the end that there may be a new birth of freedom and that tyranny and despotism may forever perish from the earth.

SKIRMISH DRILL

AND DANCE HELD BY COMPANY G.

Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, managed a successful dance and skirmish drill at the armory last evening. The attendance was large, including as guests Captain Livingston and Lieutenant Kittredge of Company C, Lieutenant Gillow of Company M and Lieutenant Keyes of Troop F, besides good-sized representations of all the local militia companies. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra and prior to the dancing a delightful concert program was rendered by the orchestra. The following was the program:

March—"20th Century"—N. H. Lewis.
Overture—"Light Cavalry"—Suppe.
Selection from the comic opera—"The Serenade."
Medley of popular songs—Beyer.

A creditable skirmish drill was given after the second number by a detail of 18 men under the command of First Sergeant Lewis G. Hunton. The participants were clad in khakis and with one exception were all veterans of the Spanish war. The different manoeuvres were executed at the sound of the bugle, no verbal orders being given, which made the work of the squad the more commendable. The several advances and firing in different postures possessed a tinge of the real, which was greatly enhanced by the enthusiastic yells of the advancing party. A round of applause greeted the boys as they left the floor.

Upon the completion of the concert program, the strains of the first waltz were heard and from that time until midnight the dancing was incessant.

The officers of the occasion were as follows: Floor director, Corporal William Prescott; assistant floor director, Private Napoleon E Fisher; chief aid, Corporal John J. Gair; aids, Sergeant George H. McNamara, Sergeant Percy T. Durrell, Lieutenant George S. Howard, Corporal J. Leary, Corporal William E. Goodwin, Privates E. E. Palley, Frank Dodge, William H. Hunt, J. A. Delmore, Joseph Murphy, George H. Brock, P. Henry Driscoll, C. P. Johnson and J. J. Noonan; dance committee, Captain Edward B. Carr, Lieutenant William Fairweather, Sergeant Lewis G. Hunton, Sergeant Fred C. M. Silk and Private D. A. Haskell.

PRIESTS ASSIGNED

LOWELL CLERGYMEN RECEIVE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

Most of the young priests who were ordained at Boston last Friday received their assignments from Archbishop Williams yesterday.

The Lowell young men were assigned as follows:

Rev. William H. Finnick, to assist the Rev. T. B. Lowney, rector of the Immaculate Conception church, Marlboro.

Rev. John J. O'Hearn, assistant to the Rev. Arthur J. Teeling of St. Mary's church, Lynn.

Rev. Thomas C. McMannon, curate, at St. Mary's church, at Winchester, Rev. H. J. Madden, pastor.

All the above are very desirable stations and the assignment to them reflects great credit on the young clergymen. Rev. Arthur J. Teeling of Lynn, to whose parish Rev. Fr. O'Hearn has been appointed has many friends in this city.

WHIST AND POOL

TOURNAMENT OPENED BY THE BURKES.

A whist and pool tournament has been opened by the members of the Burke Temperance Institute and about twenty are entered. Intense interest is being manifested in the tournament by the members and it will continue for about a month.

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STOP NIGHT WORK

By Operatives of the 58 Hour Law

ITS REGULATIONS MORE FAR-REACHING

Than Has Been Generally Supposed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER Dec. 29—It looks now as though night work is to be effectually stopped in the mills in this city despite the fact that the loomfixers did not see fit to go in with the other unions and make a fight against it.

The night work will be stopped by the enforcement of the 58-hour law, which in the opinion of the attorney general and Chief Wade of the state police, is more far-reaching than has been supposed. The textile council, or rather the weavers, spinners, carders, and slasher tenders who are affiliated with it, started the agitation against night work which has brought about the decision of the attorney general.

Chief Wade refuses to give out the opinion of the attorney general at present, but he states what it is. First of all, the attorney general decides that women and minors who have worked during the daytime cannot be employed at night in any factory. It has been the practice of many women and children to work the full number of hours allowed by law in one mill and then go to some other mill and work until 10 o'clock at night. Mill agents and overseers believed that they could employ such persons without violating the law, provided that they did not themselves employ any woman or child more than 58 hours in one week. It made no difference to them if the same woman or child had been employed by some one else the number of hours allowed by law. The attorney general holds that to employ any woman or child who has worked the regular schedule in the day time at night by any one would be employing them more than 58 hours per week within the meaning of the law and consequently Chief Wade says it must be stopped.

If this were all there were to it Seth Borden would find no difficulty in getting around the law, because he says he does not employ any women and minors at night who have worked the full number of hours during the daytime. One way the women and minors employed at the Parker and Hargraves mills have been worked is to have two schedules. One schedule called for one set of help to go in in the morning at 6 o'clock and work until 12 in the morning and then come back to work at 6 o'clock at night and work till 10. The other set went in at 12 o'clock at noon and worked until 10 o'clock at night, with an hour out for supper. Chief Wade is of the opinion that this is a violation of the law too, and if his opinion is a correct one, it will effectually put a stop to night work at the Parker and Hargraves mills which are now the only offenders in this particular. Chief Wade says it is his opinion that no mill corporation has a right to adopt two time schedules for the employment of women and minors.

In other words, Seth Borden must adopt one time schedule and stick to it. If he decides that he will employ women and minors between the hours of 6 and 12 a. m. and 6 and 10 p. m., he might be able to do so, although there might be a question as to whether he could do this either. Still, if he saw fit to do this, he would lose, because he would have to shut his mills down during the afternoon for it would be practically impossible to run without women and children.

Chief Wade is holding back the attorney general's decision because he believes that night work will be stopped by the manufacturers themselves. He has instructed Inspector Tierney to notify the mill agents that the way they have been running their mills at night is in violation of the law and he is waiting now for Inspector Tierney's report as to what they intend to do about it. If any of them try to run then the chief will make the next move. Of course this only applies now to the Parker and Hargraves mills because the others have ceased running overtime and have so notified the state inspector.

The textile council met Saturday night and talked over the situation for about three hour. The delegates from the loomfixers' association promised to again submit the question of coming out on strike at the Parker and Hargraves mills to their association at its next regular meeting a week from next Friday. The textile council decided to wait before taking any further action until the loomfixers had had another chance to say what they would do and also to wait until the attorney general had rendered his decision on the 58-hour law.

It is probable that the textile council will not have to consider the matter any further but if the state police are unable to stop night work, the textile council will come together again and see what the operatives can do. The officials of the labor unions say they have not given up the idea of doing something to stop the night work, despite the fact that they have had a setback and were forced to postpone the fight.

THREE CARD GAME

Luther Honk, the Inventor Died Recently

CAREER OF THE FAMOUS GAMBLER

He Swindled the Prince of Wales

The death of Luther Ericsson Houk in Mexico a few months ago recalled several interesting stories of his life. Houk was the inventor of "three-card Monte," and he was known in many quarters of the globe as the "Three-card Monte King." He was born in Connersville, Ind., and his family surrounded him with every good influence but he was not satisfied and wandered over the earth gambling for his living. He was charged with murder and was relentlessly followed by detectives. He was taken across the continent to be tried, and on the way his friends made an unsuccessful attempt to rescue him. He went to the penitentiary and was pardoned after several years. He again took up his profession and worked in many fashionable clubs. The Prince of Wales lost to Houk at the poker table. Houk was known through the west as "Lew Hou," "Doc Davis" and "Doc Green."

Houk invented the three card monte game before he became of age. This is a trick with cards that has fleeced more people out of money than any other game ever practiced. The trick is played with three aces, two black ones and one red. It is always played with a confederate to help, or "stall," for the game. The operator takes the three cards between his fingers, showing them to the victim and then shuffles them about and drops them face down upon the table, offering to bet any amount of money that no one can pick out the red ace. At this point the operator turns his head a moment to spit or to speak to some one in the crowd behind him, and in that moment the confederate picks up the red ace card, shows it to the victim, "crimps" the corner of the card and slyly lays it down again, apparently all unseen by the operator. The operator again shuffles the three cards and throws them upon the table face down There lies the card with its crimped corner. The victim supposes, of course, that it is the red ace and bets and picks it up to find that it is a black one, and he has lost his money. The operator, when he picked up and shuffled the cards carelessly the second time, with a deft movement of his finger s removed the crimp in the red ace card and put a similar crimp in a black ace card. That was all there was to the trick. Houk worked it for years in hotels, on billiard tables, at fairs and circuses and on railroad trains and steamboats. He taught the trick to Canada Bill, a noted gambler, and the two worked together over all the country. They sold thousands upon thousands of dollars to railroad men in the old days for the privilege of working the game on trains and they made money.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

WEAVERS OUT

AT FISHERVILLE, MASS., FOR HIGHER WAGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MILLBURY, Mass., Dec. 29.—The striking weavers of the Fisherville Manufacturing company are still out, and there are no signs of either side weakening as yet. The strikers met in Allen hall yesterday and discussed the situation, but took no formal action. The mill is running all departments except the weaving, and will continue in that way for the present. They have a market for all the cloth produced and will let the strikers take their own time about coming back. The weavers demand higher wages.

THE NOBLES ELECT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The illustrious company of Nobles which constitutes Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine met in Music hall last night for the annual session. 69 candidates first "travelling the hot sands of the desert." Later officers of the temple were chosen, Albion F. Welch of Danvers becoming potentate.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

ENTERTAINED YOUNG FRIENDS.

A large number of the young friends of Masters Gordon, Lawrence and Richmond White, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward White of Nesmith street were entertained last evening from seven to eleven o'clock. Dancing was enjoyed during the first part of the evening, including a cotillion. The affair was a grand success and greatly enjoyed by the young people present.

BASKET BALL NOTES.

The Business Men defeated the Iroquois last night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in a practice game by a score of 15 to 10.

Tomorrow night the P. A. C. second team and the Company C will come together at the Pawtucketville gymnasium, and a good game will be played.

THE DODOS WON

Defeated the Cambridgeports Last Night

An interesting basket ball game was played at Associate hall last night between the Dodos of this city and the Cambridgeport team. The Dodos were victorious by a score of 10 to 4. The game was witnessed by a large crowd and those who attended were treated to a first-class exhibition. The Dodos are a new local team and give promise of making a first-class team.

Ryan and Harrington played a star game for the Dodos scoring all their points. The other members also played well. Hayes and McCarthy played the best for the visitors.

William Kelleher and John Bean refereed a first-class game. The line-up:

DODOS		CAMBRIDGEPORTS
Ryan, lf	rg,	White (Harvard)
(Capt.) Harrington, rf	lg,	Lynch
Fossett, c	c,	Hayes
(Tighe) Maguire, lg	rf,	McCarthy (Capt.)
Shea, rg	lf,	Meenan

Score, Dodos 10, Cambridgeports 4; goals from the floor, Ryan (3), Harrington (2), Hayes, McCarthy; missed on free throws McCarthy (6) Fossett (3); fouls called on Shea (2), Lynch (2) Fossett (2) Tighe, Ryan and Meenan; referees, William Kelleher (Lowell), John Bean (Cambridge); timekeepers John Tully (Lowell), F. Kelley (Cambridge); time, 20-minute halves.

PURSE OF GOLD

PRESENTED TO PASTOR OF THE HOUSE OF PRAYER.

The annual Christmas tree of the House of Prayer was held last night in Highland hall. The tree was heavily laden with presents of every description and there was besides enough decoration to make it look very attractive especially to the young people and children present. In the distribution of gifts, Mr. Ward and Mr. George Mansfield called off the names of every boy and girl in the hall and also of many of the older ones, so that there was a merry time. After the tree had been stripped, light refreshments were served. A happy incident of the evening was the presentation to the pastor of a purse of gold the gift of the parish and its friends. Mr. Mansfield made the presentation speech and Mr. Ward spoke fittingly in response.

ANOTHER MATCH

FOR BILLY GARDINER OF THIS CITY.

Billy Gardiner, the clever local 120-pound boxer, will have a bout before his meeting with Mike Sears. The Lowell man will meet either "Kid" Lavigne of Boston or Tim Harrington of Cambridge before one of the clubs in Boston. The bout will come off on the evening of January 12th, and Billy has commenced training for it.

Mrs. Jeremiah Crowley, wife of the mayor, is seriously ill.

Cure That Cold!

Or it May End in the "GRIP."

The popular expression, "have taken a cold," is very familiar to people inhabiting our moist, changeable climate; at the same time probably not one person in a hundred understands the cause, cure or preventative. The best remedy for a cold is the old reliable,

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HEROES AT REST

150 Victims of the Maine Disaster Buried

Chaplain Clark and Father Chidwick Conducted the Services—Pres. McKinley and Cabinet Members Present

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The remains of the 150 victims of the Maine disaster brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, were buried today with full military honors, upon a knoll in Arlington cemetery. The exercises were exceedingly simple. They were in charge of Captain Sigsbee, now of the Texas, who was captain of the Maine on the night when his ship was blown up in Havana harbor two years ago. President McKinley and the members of the cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Major-General Miles and his staff, and many other officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington were present at the burial. Lieut.-Commander Wainwright and Lieut. F. C. Bowers, both of whom were on the Maine when the explosion occurred, also were present. All the army and navy officers were in full uniform. Several troops of cavalry from Fort Meyer, a battalion of marines from the navy yard, and a detachment of sailors from the Texas were drawn up about the flag-draped caskets, which were ranged row on row along the brow of the hill, each bearing a beautiful wreath of Galax leaves. Despite the snow and nipping cold over a thousand spectators pressed against the roped off enclosure to see the ceremonies. The Marine band played a dirge, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and then simple Protestant and Roman Catholic funeral services were conducted by Chaplain Clark of the Naval academy and Father Chidwick, the chaplain of the Maine, under a canvas canopied shelter in the open space facing the square in which the coffins lay beside their open graves. After the religious services, a detachment of marines in their spiked helmets, fired a salute of three blank volleys for the dead, and a bugler sounded "Taps." The ceremony lasted barely 20 minutes. Among the sailors of the Texas present was Jeremiah Shea, who had a miraculous escape on the night of the explosion, being blown out of the stokehole. He was introduced to the president by Captain Sigsbee.

After the ceremony the coffins were lowered into their graves.

EFFECT OF POISON

Doctors Tell How it Worked on Cornish

Lively Day in Molineux Case—Counsel Engaged in Some Heated Tilts and Were Called to Order by the Court

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The trial of Roland B. Molineux, on the charge of having caused the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, which occurred just one year ago today, by poison which he is alleged to have sent through the mail to H. S. Cornish, who boarded with Mrs. Adams, proceeded as usual today in the Court of General Sessions. Handwriting expert John F. Tyrrell was called to the stand and Assistant District Attorney Osborne began a redirect examination. Mr. Tyrell was handed an exhibit containing genuine Cornish writing and was asked to identify it. Mr. Weeks objected, was overruled by the court and at once began an animated arraignment of Mr. Osborne for offering the writings.

A spirited tilt followed which was brought to an end by the recorder saying:

"Gentlemen you must not wrangle in this maner when a man is on trial for his life."

The witness then said he had seen Cornish write. He identified as being in Cornish's writing the signatures on bank signature cards that were recently placed in evidence. Mr. Weeks then began a re-cross-examination.

"Are you prepared to swear and do you swear that no other man in the world save the defendant, could have written the address or exhibit?" (The poison package wrapper) asked Mr. Weeks.

"Not originally," answered Mr. Tyrrell, meaning that the original writing could not have been done by any one save the defendant.

Mr. Weeks repeated the question and Mr. Tyrrell answered. "I am not acquainted with the world. It is a pretty big place. But I stand by my testimony."

Mr. Tyrrell left the stand and Dr. Wendell C. Phillips was called. Dr. Phillips was the physician in attendance of Harry S. Cornish at the time he was ill at the Knickerbocker Athletic club. He also attended H. C. Barnet when ill of poisoning at the same club.

"Doctor, have you had any experience in poison cases?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Very little."

"Please tell all that experience—tell it in your own way."

Mr. Weeks objected, but was overruled. Dr. Phillips then said he had been called to attend H. C. Barnet and found him suffering from some kind of irritant poison. He told of his treatment of this case and of the death of Barnet and then of his treating H. S. Cornish one year ago today. Cornish was suffering from an irritant poison that he recognized as the same form of poison that caused the death of Barnet.

Dr. Phillips said he found Cornish in bed, very pale and very dark under the eyes. He appeared to have been severely ill. A Dr. Coffin was present. The witness then said his patient had a very weak and intermittent pulse; he and Dr. Coffin washed out the patient's stomach and bowels. Witness then told of the nature of the result obtained when the emetic acted.

The substance obtained from the stomach was thick and ropey, he said. There was only one conclusion he could reach and that was that the patient had taken an irritant poison.

Dr. Phillips was asked if he could have diagnosed the nature of the poison from the Cornish case alone and he said he feared not.

"Have you had other experience in the same sort of poison cases?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I have."

The question of treatment given Cornish was next taken up and the witness said he and Dr. Coffin gave medicines to remove the effects of the poison as well as to soothe the stomach and bowels.

Dr. Phillips said he attached great importance to quantities of a mucous substance which came from the stomach for the reason that it indicated the presence of some very severe and powerful irritant.

Mr. Osborne then asked if the witness had treated a case similar to that of Cornish and was answered in the affirmative. He said it was at the Knickerbocker club and was asked to give the name of his patient, but was not allowed to answer, Mr. Weeks objecting and being sustained.

Dr. Phillips was permitted to testify that he had attended another person, where the symptoms were like those he found in Cornish. This referred to Henry C. Barnet. The poisoning, he said, came after taking "some substance."

"Did you see that substance?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I did."

"Did you see it taken by the patient?" asked Mr. Weeks.

"I did not," answered the doctor.

"What was his condition as to the pulse?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Very strong."

"What was his complexion?"

"Very sallow."

"Did you ever see similar conditions in another patient?"

"I did. It was Cornish."

This evidence as to the "patient" referred to Barnet.

Mr. Osborne tried to get before the jury what Barnet had said to the doctor about the contents of a box found in his room. There was strong objection by Mr. Weeks, but he was finally overruled.

Dr. Phillips then said in answer to questions that in his opinion at the time he attended his patient, (Barnet) he was suffering from some powerful irritant poison, but formed no opinion of the nature of the poison. He did form an opinion as to the source from which the irritant came.

Dr. Phillips said he formed the opinion that the substance taken by the patient purported to be a medicine. He said the patient mentioned a box on a table in his room.

HE IS INNOCENT

Chelsea Aldermen Have Faith in Chief Drury

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 28.—Chief of Police William P. Drury of this city was exonerated this morning of charges of malfeasance preferred against him by Mayor Seth J. Littlefield last Tuesday, when the mayor removed the chief from office, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. The board of aldermen after a public hearing, which began at eight o'clock last night and finished at 4.15 o'clock this morning, voted that the charges had not been sustained. Only one of the 15 aldermen voted against Chief Drury.

The specific charges were that Chief Drury was acting in collusion with keepers of dives, pool rooms and other places, to give them warning of intended raids, and that by using the curtains of his office windows he signalled to interested parties whenever warrants were issued.

WOOD ALCOHOL

Caused the Death of Several Persons

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MELROSE, Mass., Dec. 28.—An investigation following the death of Edward McLaughlin, who died here yesterday, has brought to light facts which lead to the belief that a number of persons were poisoned by drinking wood alcohol Christmas night. The first victim was Michael Flannery, aged 41 years, who died Monday night, and another Wallace F. Dixon, who died today, making three in all. It is understood that two others are in a critical condition.

When Flannery's death was reported to the police, a hasty examination was made, the cause of death being assigned to alcoholism. When McLaughlin died under nearly the same conditions, yesterday, a more searching investigation was ordered. It was then learned that several men, including Flannery and McLaughlin, had been drinking heavily Christmas night, in a shed near Dill's ice house. Among other things, a large amount of cider and wood alcohol was consumed.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS

IN THE WILL OF DANIEL S. FORD

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.—The will of Daniel Sharpe Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, was filed for probate in the Middlesex county probate court today. The value of the estate is estimated at about $2,500,000. The will which is dated October 21, 1895 contains the following public bequests:

Museum of Fine Arts, $6,000; Boston Public Library, $8,000; Boston Young Men's Christian association, $7,000; the Massachusetts General Hospital, $7,000; Boston City Hospital, $6,000; Boston Children's Aid society, $5,000; Children's Hospital, Boston, $5,000.

Article 10, provides $20,000 per year for two years or a shorter time contingent upon the action of the Baptist Social Union for the religious, educational and benevolent work of the Ruggles Street Baptist church.

Article 11 bequeathes $350,000 to the Baptist Social Union, subject to conditions, among which are that it shall become a corporation within two years after testator's death. This sum is to be used with such sums as may be added for the erection of a building for the use of the union.

Article 12, leaves the entire Youth's Companion plant, with certain real estate, to the executors, to be administered for the benefit of the Baptist Social Union.

Article 13, divides the residue as follows:

One-sixth to the American Baptist Home Mission Society; one-sixth to the American Baptist Missionary Association; one-ninth to the Massachusetts Baptist convention for feeble Baptist churches; one-ninth to the conference of Baptist ministers in Massachusetts; one-ninth to the New Hampshire Baptist convention; one-ninth to the Vermont Baptist convention.

RECEIVERS DISCHARGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28—Judge Sanborn in the United States circuit court has filed an order discharging the receivers of the Northern Pacific railroad company. The property and affairs are turned over to the stockholders in the reorganized company which succeeded the old corporation, and bid in its holdings.

DEFENDANT WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—The suit of Nickerson vs. Quincy & Boston street railway for $50,000 damages for the loss of a leg was ended today. The jury returned a verdict for defendant today in superior court. Jury was out all night.

it is what a cough may lead to that makes it so dangerous.

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Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is a medicine that has long been tested in private practice. Sold by druggists generally.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

REP. BOUTELLE

Is Now at the McLean Asylum

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—No information could be gained today at the McLean asylum, Waverly, to which it was reported today that Congressman C. A. Boutelle of Bangor had been taken for treatment, the attendants having been forbidden even to admit that the man was there, but during the day, E. P. Boutelle, brother of the congressman, admitted that the latter was at the institution. Mr. Boutelle, while refraining from disclosing the exact nature of his brother's disease said that the patient had been taken to the McLean asylum as his symptoms were such as called for the most skillful treatment.

Owing to the secrecy maintained in connection with the case, all sorts of rumors were heard during the day, among them having been a story that the congressman was dead. An attempt to verify the report at the institution was fruitless, but no credence was placed in the report. The query as to Congressman Boutelle's condition met with the reply from an official: "You'll have to ask the superintendent. We do not know anything about it."

"Where is the superintendent?"

"He's out."

"Coming back?"

"Not until evening."

To a question whether the rumor that Congressman Boutelle was dead was true, the official answered: "We can't say anything one way or the other. Only the superintendent can tell you. We do not know."

"Is Mr. Boutelle at the institution?"

"I cannot say anything."

The reason for the secrecy does not appear. When asked about the matter today, Mr. E. P. Boutelle said:

"I saw him in the asylum yesterday and there was nothing in his condition to occasion alarm. I left word with the asylum authorities to notify me at once if anything happened, and they will do so. I have heard nothing from the asylum today, so I know there is no change in his condition. There is really nothing in my brother's condition which would indicate that his illness is fatal."

FAVOR THE LEASE

NEW YORK CENTRAL WANTS THE B. & A.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28—The New York Central stockholders at a meeting at noon today, voted on $68,509,000 worth of stock, unanimously in favor of purchasing the lease of the Boston & Albany. United States Senator Depew cast one vote for the American stockholders and George Bowditch of the J. P. Morgan & Co., for the English stockholders.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; light westerly winds.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH.

Last night the children of St. Anne's church had their Christmas tree in the parish house and many a child was made happy by the numerous presents bestowed upon them.

Refreshments were served and candy was distributed to the youngsters by Messrs. Herbert Bixby and Frank Cuttle.

THE FAIR GROUNDS

To be Enlarged by Purchase of New Land

Wednesday afternoon a special meeting of the Middlesex North Agricultural society was held in the board of trade rooms, to consider the feasibility of purchasing the Bleachery land, amounting to two acres, which now forms a part of the fair grounds near the railroad tracks, and also to decide upon the question of raising money to the extent of about $5000 for improvements on the grounds.

That considerable interest was taken in the business announced to be passed upon was indicated in the large attendance of stockholders. President Henry S. Perham had the chair and George Coburn performed the duties of secretary. After some discussion it was voted to buy the Bleachery land for $2500. Then came the proposition of raising money for improvements. This, it was stated, would amount to $4500 or $5000 and the improvements, upon which it was proposed to expend the money, were principally the building of cattle sheds and horse sheds on the Bleachery land, and material alterations in the race track. It was the idea to convert the track into one of an oval shape, which is admitted to be the best for horse racing. It is said that the distance around the track, namely, two laps to the mile, would remain the same.

The proposition was discussed at some length, arguments for and against being spiritedly given, and when it came to a vote it was found that the negatives had won by just two, a majority of two thirds being required for it to pass. Nothing else of importance came up and the meeting was adjourned. The stockholders who have been working in the interests of improvements, which they claim are needed before the grounds may be considered up-to-date, will have the matter brought up at the next meeting, when they feel confident of gaining a favorable vote.

NERVOUS TROUBLES

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Dr. Hallock's Wonderful Electric Pil.s for Week, Worn-Out, Nervous People.

Does your mind wander? Do you startle at trifles, such as the slamming of a door or the ringing of a bell? Do you drop from nervousness whatever may be in your hand? Is your system run down and you feel all played out? Do you often see moving specks before the eyes and a sudden dizziness and prostration of the vital forces?

If you have any of the above symptoms, procure without delay a box of Dr. Hallock's Wonderful Electric Pills for Weak, Worn Out Nervous People. These pills act directly upon the nerve centers and they produce a tonic and invigorating action on the whole body, followed by a feeling of unusual comfort and strength. Dr. Halock's Wonderful Electric Pills will permanently cure all nervous affections—make you think clearly—do away with dizziness and those harrowing specks before the eyes. By using Dr. Hallock's Electric Pills for Weak, Worn Out Nervous People, the appetite is stimulated and the patient takes on an animated, healthy appearance where before was languor and a pale, pallid face. The pills give rich, new blood to the entire system and cure after all else fails. Give them a trial.

Sold at stores, $1 per box; 6 boxes, sufficient to cure most obstinate cases, $5. At Goodale's Drug Store 217 Central street, Lowell, or sent direct from laboratory, prepaid to destination, on receipt of price. Circulars free. Address HALLOCK DRUG CO., 110 Court St., Boston, Mass.

BILLERICA NEWS

At the meeting of Thomas Talbot lodge of Masons in Billerica Centre, Tuesday night, Rev. Minot O. Simons, senior deacon, was presented a seal ring, a jade stone with compass and square inlaid with gold. The presentation speech was by Grand Worshipful Master Johnson McDonald and Mr. Simons responded fittingly. Addresses were made by Herbert A. King, Charles H. Kohlrausch, Arthur Blodgett and D. Moyer Staley.

Mr. Simons preaches his farewell sermon at the Unitarian church in Billerica Sunday.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—The second day's session of the half score of scientific societies now meeting in this city, began this morning, each society holding its own meeting and listening to papers in its department.

Later all societies, however, joined with the American Society of Naturalists in a great gathering in Osborn hall, where a forum of discussion was opened on the subject, "The Position that Universities Should Take with Regard to Investigation." The discussion was led by Prof. R. S. Chittenden, Yale University; Thomas Dwight, Harvard Medical School; Joseph Jastrow, University of Wisconsin; S. T. MacDougal, New York Botanical Garden, and William Patten, Dartmouth College.

COOK OF YALE

THE ONLY WINNER IN YESTERDAY'S CHESS TOURNAMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The fourth round of the inter-collegiate chess tournament was played today.

Falk, Columbia, and Rice, Harvard, drew their game after 25 moves.

Perry, Harvard and Sewall, Columbia, also drew their game after 47 moves. Both men put up a fine game of chess.

Cook, Yale, beat Hunt, Princeton, after 62 moves. The former had the better game throughout. Healy, Princeton, and Morgan, Yale, drew.

PANAMA CANAL CO.

Incorporated In New Jersey Yesterday

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF $30,000,000

The Company May Attempt to Control Canal

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—The Panama Canal company of America with an authorized capital of $30,000,000 was incorporated here yesterday. The object of the company is to acquire by purchase the ship canal of Nouvelle de Canal de Panama company and the railway across the Isthmus of Panama; also to construct, equip and operate said canal and railway and the various enterprises connected therewith. The company is further empowered to operate ships and steamship lines, carry mails, passengers and merchandise; operate telegraph and telephone lines, maintain wharves, warehouses and generally to engage in any business advantageous to the company's business.

The articles also empower the company to enter into arrangements with any government that may seem conducive to the company's object including the obtaining of rights, privileges and grants.

The capital stock is divided into $5,000,000 first preferred stock, with five per cent. non-cumulative dividend; $15,000,000 second preferred stock with eight per cent. non-cumulative dividend with $10,000,000 common stock. The incorporators are Wm. P. Chapman, Jr., New York; Henry W. Clark, New York and Francis D. Pollak, of Summit, N. J.

SEN. CHANDLER

Summoned as a Witness in Gallinger Case

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 28.—Senator William E. Chandler has been summoned as a witness before the United States court grand jury in the charges of civil service law violations brought against his colleague, Senator Gallinger. Senator Chandler will arrive in Concord tomorrow night.

Another witness, who is expected to arrive tomorrow, is John H. Walker, clerk of the senate committee on pensions, and Senator Gallinger's stenographer.

The only witnesses heard this morning were Postmaster Henry Robinson of this city and Thomas F. Clifford, clerk of the republican state committee. This afternoon William F. Thayer of Concord, treasurer, and Louis C. Hoyt of Kingston, secretary of the republican state committee, testified. That completed the list of witnesses. As Senator Chandler and Mr. Walker will be heard tomorrow, a report from the grand jury is expected by tomorrow night.

CHARLES PIKE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28.—Charles E. Pike died late last night at his residence in this city. He was a lawyer and practiced in Maine, Massachusetts and Wisconsin for many years. In early life he was one of the first Free Soilers and one of the founders of the republican party in Massachusetts. In 1841, while a member of the Maine legislature, he wrote the resolutions which, according to the custom of that time, brought before the people the name of Taylor for the presidency. Later he was one of the group of the first republicans in the Massachusetts legislature. In 1855 he removed to Wisconsin and founded the Oshkosh Northwestern, which during the war was a radical supporter of Lincoln. In 1865 he was appointed solicitor of the internal revenue department and assistant attorney general of the United States.

CIGARETTE FIENDS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—A confirmed cigarette fiend at 12, so far advanced on the downward path that he plundered his mother's purse to supply himself, Charles Coupland has been committed to the House of Refuge in order that he might have a chance to reform.

Mrs. Coupland, a woman of refined, intelligent appearance, living at No. 721 North Thirty-ninth street, the lad's mother, caused his arrest after doing all that she could short of this last alternative to cure him of his bad habit.

Tearfully she pleaded with the magistrate to send the pale, nervous, prematurely aged boy to the Refuge so that he might be cured. She said that she had exhausted her resources in trying to reform her son, but it was of no use; he must and would have cigarettes and resorted to the most skilful methods to get money, robbing her of money when he could get it and stealing and selling articles from the house when ready money was not accessible.

Study and boyish pastimes were alike distasteful to the lad who seemed to live on the smoke from cigarettes. He did not care for food or sleep so long as he could smoke a cigarette and he was getting to be mentally weak from the effects of the practice. The magistrate said he sincerely sympathized with Mrs. Coupland, as he had seen many other cases of a similar kind and would cheerfully comply with the request.

CHRISTMAS TREE

HELD AT THE PEOPLE'S CLUB YESTERDAY.

The Christmas tree for the little ones who attended the summer playground was held last evening at the rooms of the Women's branch of the People's club, from 5 to 7 o'clock. The children were sent home in a state of absolute bliss, after an entertainment given for their special benefit. In one corner of the hall stood a gorgeous Christmas tree, and each child was given a doll to take home. The children sang carols which they learned last summer, and Miss Noyes recited for them, selections which made them laugh and clap their hands in glee. The refreshments comprised ice cream, cake, candy and peanuts.

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THREE INQUESTS

SHOWED DEATH WAS CAUSED BY ACCIDENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 28.—Three inquests were held in the district court yesterday, finishing the docket for the year. The inquiry into the cause of the death of T. Scanlon in Lakeville, September 28th, brought out evidence to show that Scanlon lay down on the track of the New Bedford, Middleboro and Brockton street railway just after dark and that a car struck and killed him.

The second inquiry was into the cause of the death of Eddie Smith (colored), September 8th, on the track in the Middleboro yard of the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Evidence was to the effect that he attempted to jump from a moving train and was killed.

The third case was that of John Schofield of South Middleboro, formerly of New Bedford. Schofield was found in a dying condition on a bitterly cold night in January, 1898, lying beside the New Haven railroad track part way between Tremont and South Middleboro. But little evidence was offered to explain his death.

Fancy Dress Ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Smith's GREEN MOUNTAIN RENOVATOR A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

Boston & Maine Railroad

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

In effect October 2, 1899: Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.25, c6.42, *7.45, *8.50, c9.15, *9.40, 11.09 a. m.; 1.40, c5.00, 4.25, c5.41 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.16, 6.23, c6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.20, *7.25, 7.34, *7.48, w*8.00, *8.57, c9.10, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.03, *11.42 a. m., w12.05, 12.10, w12.45, 1.43, w2.30, c3.08, w3.10, *3.11, w3.55, 4.25, w5.15, 5.22, c5.30, w*6.15, *6.22, 7.00, *7.41, w9.25 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 7.10, 7.28, w8.15, 8.45, 9.15 a. m., w12.05, w1.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w7.25 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.23, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, 10.05, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, w2.30, w3.55, 4.15, w5.15, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, w11.25 p. m.

SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30, w7.25 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.34 a. m.; w12.05, 1.23, w5.15, 5.53 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.23, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 8.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.15, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.23 a. m.; 12.06, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.23, z7.34, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.56 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.23, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m., for Somersworth and Portland.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.23, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.23, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.15, m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast, and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.; 5.15 p. m., ex. Saturday for Belfast and Rockland. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John's, N. B., Halifax, N. S., Montreal and Quebec, 5.15 p. m. (5.15 does not connect Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland), on (Mondays, for St. John only) and Thursdays, at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.15 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.26, 7.01, 7.21, *7.48, 11.03 a. m.; 1.43, 4.28 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.; 4.25, 5.55 p. m.

For Ayer and Way Stations—7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.12 a. m.; 1.00, 3.41, 5.49 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.12 a. m.; 3.41 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40, 9.12, *9.49 a. m.; *12.12, 1.00, *1.49, 3.41, *5.40, 6.27, *8.10, *8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.09 a. m. (to Nashua only), 2.08 a. m.; 2.00, 6.12, 8.10, 8.40 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.12, *9.49 a. m.; *12.12, *1.49 (to Franklin only), 5.40, *a8.19 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.40 a. m.; 1.49 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *9.49 a. m.; *1.49, *a8.42 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Jct., Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.49 a. m.; *12.12, *a8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line, *9.49 a. m.; *a8.42 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, 9.12 a. m.; *8.49 p. m. ex. Sat.

References:

*Express. aDaily.

bWednesdays and Saturdays only.

wVia Western Division.

cVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junction.

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MANY GUESTS

INVITED TO ATTEND THE MATHEWS' BANQUET.

The arrangements for the anniversary banquet of the Mathew Temperance Institute are completed. The guests of the society on that occasion will be: Mayor Crowley, Rev. Thomas F. McManus of Brookline, Rev. Walter V. Shanley of Hartford, Rev. Francis Maley of Charlestown, General Manager P. F. Sullivan of the Consolidated Electric Railway companies; E. W. Thomas, agent of the Tremont & Suffolk mills, Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board; Hugh J. Molloy of the Normal school; A. L. Bacheller, principal of the Green school; Solon W. Stevens, Esq.; James Jeffrey Roche of the Boston Pilot and the officers of the Archdiocesan union. Mayor Crowley will be one of the speakers.

LANDSLIDE IN IRELAND

SWEPT AWAY TWO FARM-HOUSES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Severe gales, rains and snowstorms are reported in the mountains of Ireland. At Nenagh near the Nenagh river, a landslide followed by a rush of water, swept away two farm houses with their occupants. Much damage has been done to other property.

TO MAKE A SETTLEMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Creditors of Erastus Wiman are about to be partially settled with at the rate of 68.163 of one cent on the dollar. A decree was signed yesterday by Justice Gaynor authorizing David Bennett King, as assignee, to make final settlement with the assets in his possession.

ANNUAL BALL.

Tonight at Associate hall, Court Middlesex, Foresters of America, will hold its annual ball and the affair promises to be a grand success.

DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

MAY BE HELD IN KANSAS CITY OR MILWAUKEE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The democratic national convention is likely to be held either at Milwaukee or Kansas City. Col. Bryan will, of course, be named for president. The vice president will probably be awarded to New York. The national campaign headquarters may be located in Washington. This was the Chairman Elliot Danforth, of the Democratic state executive committee, on his return from a trip through the south.

He had long conferences with Chairman James K. Jones and other members of the democratic committee, and found them strongly opposed to holding the convention in Chicago, New York or Cincinnati.

"During my trip," continued Chairman Danforth, "I found an overwhelming sentiment in favor of nailing anti-trusts and anti-imperialism the paramount issues. There seemed a disposition to make free silver a less prominent factor than it was in 1896.

"The identification of the McKinley administration with the standard oil and other monopolies, together with the secretary of the treasury's open attempt to establish a great government depository controlled by the Rockefellers, has accentuated the belief that the democracy must make anti-trust one of the great war cries."

"Are you a candidate for vice president?"

"I am not," blushingly replied Mr. Danforth.

Handsome souvenirs at Foresters' Ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 31 MERK ST.

BIG REVOLUTION

To Take Place in the Shoe Workers' Ranks

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 29.—A complete revolution in the union shoe workers ranks of Haverhill is scheduled to take place before the expiration of the present week, if plans which have been made do not miscarry, and local unions will be independent of affiliations with national bodies.

Commencing with the action taken by Union No. 2, B. & S. W., at the convention recently held in Lafayette hall, the new movement has steadily advanced and has been crystallized in the proposed action of other unions during the present week. The independent basis of action and existence is preferred by local union shoeworkers, and plans for a successful inauguration of independence are perfected and now simply await final action.

It has been authoritatively stated that by tonight the charters of Union No. 2, B. & S. W., composed of the turned workmen; Union No. 1, composed of machine operators; Union No. 6, made up of sitchers, and Union No. 191, consisting of McKay stitchers, will have surrendered their charters to the national body and will then be independent. Furthermore, it is asserted that the Central Labor union will cut loose from the American Federation of Labor, with which it is affiliated, by surrendering its charter, and Haverhill unions will then be mobilized, so to speak, by themselves.

Upon the books of the unions are found 2000 names of members who are considered eligible to vote, their dues not being in arrears more than the limit allows, and by counting in numerous others who have allowed their accounts to lapse, the number is largely increased. It is now expected that the new Cutters' union will adopt the policy taken by the aforesaid unions.

With the approach of the new year, which means the reorganization of the local unions, comes the election of the new officers to serve during the ensuing twelve months. The berth of agent is most prominent, and the term of service enjoyed by Agent Donovan, the present incumbent, expires Saturday night. As yet there has been no aspirant for the berth, and it is generally conceded that Agent Donovan will be re-elected. He will doubtless be appointed temporarily to continue his duties until the election occurs. In the union offices it is not expected that any general changes will occur. Delegates to the Central Labor union and the shoe council will be elected and there will be some changes in this direction. The election of general officials for the new independent organization will be held the first of the new year, but it is now planned, according to reliable reports, to have the shoe council compose the executive head of the general organization.

The work of reorganization will be pushed rapidly and without delay, as the first of the new year will also witness the beginning of the readjustment of wage scales for 1900 in the local factories. As previously stated in the papers, the work will be made general than usual, inasmuch as several branches of shoe labor will be attended to and the members benefited by increases in wages if possible.

The new Cutters' union is particularly active in this movement, being impelled to action on account of several slight increases in several local factories, which are regarded as being made by manufacturers simply in anticipation of the move expected from the union. It is intimated that this union will commence its campaign by introducing a price list in one of the largest non-union shops in the city.

JOHN Y. DATER

TURNS THE TABLES ON A PASTOR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. John Y. Dater, editor of the Ransey's Journal, who was suspended from the local Christian Reformed church by the Rev. J. N. Trompen for taking photographs on Sunday, has been reinstated at a special session of the classes at Hackensack.

The editor appealed his suspension, and Dominie Trompen, in anticipation of this appeal, held the church annual meeting a few weeks ago, instead of waiting till the regular date in February.

The classis not only restored Editor Dater, but decided that the annual meeting was illegal.

The charge against Pastor Trompen of speaking ill of Mrs. Dater, was also taken up. Mrs. Dater was exonerated and Pastor Trompen requested to make a public apology to Mrs. Dater.

Dominie Trompen was not present, and Pre-ident John C. Voorhis offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Rev. J. N. Trompen be cited to appear before the Classis on January 9 and answer to the following charges: First, disloyalty to Classis; second, open rebellion to ordination vows; third, insubordination; fourth, criminal abuse.

The latter charge is that of alleged cruelty to Frances Kribler, an adopted girl. The Rev. S. I. Vanderbeek, father of Mrs. Dater, is in receipt of a letter from the father of the girl, which will be offered at the trial of the pastor.

DOROTHY DENE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Miss Dorothy Dene, the actress, died yesterday in London. She toured the United States in 1893, and sat to the late Lord Frederick Leighton, the painter, as a model for some of his best pictures.

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Dr. H. C. Bullock, of Hartford, says: You will find Comfort Powder the best in the world. It makes a delicate covering over the sensitive skin, cures heat eruptions, chafing, and roughness.

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MACRUM'S CASE

Becomes More Interesting as He Nears Home

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The case of Consul Charles E. Macrum, the United States representative at Pretoria who insisted on being relieved at the time the South African crisis became most acute, is assuming additional importance as Mr. Macrum nears home. The understanding at the state department is that he is not coming by way of the English ports, but is on a German ship which comes through the Mediterranean and thence direct to this country, the trip taking about six weeks from December 18th last, the date of his sailing from Lourenzo Marques.

In the present aspect of the case, there is little doubt that unless the consul presents ample explanation for his course he will not continue in the consular service.

It has been reported that the mystery surrounding his departure had been cleared up by a letter from him to Representative Taylor of Ohio, who represents the district from which Macrum comes and who secured his appointment as consul. But Mr. Taylor said today that he had heard nothing from Macrum, except indirectly through his letters to relatives. These give no intimation of the cause of his return, but speak of the excitement incident to the war and the hurried precautions on both sides. There is nothing, however, to show a pro-Boer or an anti-British inclination, nor is there any discussion of the political aspect of the war.

KILLED MISSIONARIES

EXPEDITION TO PUNISH HEBRIDE SAVAGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—At the request of missionaries of the New Hebrides group a punitive expedition has been sent from Sydney to Tanna by Admiral Pearson of the British navy. Advices of the outrages by the natives brought here a month ago are duplicated by the latest Australian papers culminating in the attempted massacre of all white missionaries.

The villages where the offenders reside were burned by blue jackets.

BANK FAILURE

A CHICAGO FIRM WITH BOSTON CONNECTIONS GOES DOWN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Henry L. Mills of this city, formerly connected with several large firms in Boston, filed yesterday a petition in bankruptcy in which he scheduled liabilities aggregating $768,891. His assets are placed at $10,000. Of the scheduled indebtedness, all but $540,012 is said to be due on notes for which other parties are liable. All the debts were contracted before 1893, at which time the petitioner made an assignment and many creditors were paid. The largest creditors are: Blackstone National bank, Boston, $25,000; I. N. Keith, Saganore, Mass., $57,000; J. P. Moore and company, Boston, $37,000; Manchester National bank, New Hampshire, $53,000; Greenleaf Simpson, Boston, $73,000; Chicago Furniture company, $20,000; Faneuil hall National bank, Boston, $89,050; Market National bank, Boston, $171,000; W. M. Parker, Manchester, N. H., $22,850.

CENSUS OF 1900

Active Enumeration Will Begin About Next June

"The twelfth census of the United States, the plans for which are already well on the way, will be began, so far as regards active enumeration, on June 1, 1900," says the Chicago Record. "It will be the first census in which all the work of recording and computing statistics is to be done by mechanical means. Electrical tabulating machines were introduced for this purpose toward the close of the eleventh census, but in the coming enumeration they will be relied upon entirely. Without such assistance the taking of the twelfth census would be practically an impossibility. In the eleventh census it was seven years before the final volume of the principal report—that on population—was off the presses. In the census of 1880 the last volume was published in 1889. Congress stipulates that the four principal reports of the coming enumeration—on population, mortality, agriculture and manufactures—must be ready for publication on July 1, 1902. In addition to this strict time limit are to be taken into consideration the entirely changed conditions of the next census. It will embrace for the first time the inhabitants of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, and will count 75,000,0000 people. Concerning each of these human beings, who are scattered over some four million square miles of the earth's surface, a dozen facts must be recorded. The taking of the census will occupy the services of more than 40,000 persons. The members of the field force in themselves nearly 40,000—will forward their data to headquarters in Washington, where it will be compiled and prepared for publication by a staff of 300 clerks in the central office. Each of the 75,000,000 cards used, on which are punched the statistics concerning each person, are numbered to correspond with the numbers opposite the names in the schedules. They contain 228 symbols, each of which is an abbreviation representing some fact within the range of the census enumeration. They are punched by means of a machine something like a typewriter as a clerk reads from the schedule the required information is imparted to the operator at the keyboard. In this way 700 cards can be disposed of in one day by one clerk. 1000 clerks are to be put to this special work. From the punching machine the record cards go to the electric tabulating machine, which collects all the information they convey and puts it into systematized form. One machine does the labor of 20 clerks under the old system. From here the record slips pass to a force of 1000 clerks who make up the tables and prepare copy for the printers."

ASSIGNEE CHAPLIN

ISSUES A STATEMENT TO THE SQUIRE CREDITORS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—H. W. Chaplin, assigne of the John P. Squire corporation, which failed a short time ago, has issued a statement to the creditors of the firm and all its branches and of Fred F. Squire, Frank O. Squire and John P. Squire, who have done business in their individual names and also as co-partners in various firms, to the effect that by deeds, dated December 15, 1899, the various firms and individuals made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors to him.

Each assignment provides that the creditors might substitute an assignee of their own selection.

The individuals, firms and corporations to whom this circular is addressed were all closely affiliated with John P. Squire & Co., either as purchasers from that corporation or otherwise. In most, if not all cases John P. Squire and company is the chief creditor.

The statement then says that relations of John P. Squire & Co. with these other individuals and concerns were so extensive and varied that the affairs of no one of them can be settled independently of the settlement of the affairs of John P. Squire & Co.

The magnitude and complexity of the dealings, in commercial paper and otherwise, between John P. Squire & Co. and other individual, firms and corporations, make it impossible to make, in the case of any concern, a listing of the assets and liabilities of any practical value without the tabulation of the assets and liabilities of the different concerns taken as a whole including John P. Squire & Co., and of the relative rights and liabilities of the different concerns.

An approximate statement may be expected shortly of the aggregate assets of all the individuals and concerns including John P. Squire & Co. and of the aggregate sum required to pay all the creditors of all the individuals and concerns.

FOUND DEAD

HERMIT OF SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN PASSED AWAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MOSCOW, Me., Dec. 28.—Word was received here yesterday that William Ellersley, 65 years of age, who was widely known as the hermit of Sugar Loaf mountain, was found dead in his hut on Christmas Day by John Green, a guide. It was apparent that Ellersley had been dead for a long time.

News of the death of this man recalls the story of the cause of his withdrawal from society. He was a veteran of the civil war. When he started for the front, he deeded his property to his brother, as a means of protecting his wife and child. On his return from the war, he found his brother unwilling to restore the property and that the wife sustained this action. Ellersley at once left the locality and withdrew to Carlatunk Plantation, establishing his home on the mountain. The brother in whose care Ellersley had left his wife, and the woman went to Wisconsin together. Both perished in a prairie fire which swept over the section in which they lived several years ago.

ASST. CHIEF NORTON

WILL ASSUME HIS DUTIES NEXT MONDAY.

James F. Norton, who was appointed assistant chief of the fire department, will assume the duties of the office next Monday. Mr. Norton is one of the oldest men in point of service in the fire department and has been a member of the board of engineers for a number of years. When the office of assistant chief was created, he was appointed to the position but the city council failed to decide upon a salary. Therefore the position was only one of honor. The city council at the last meeting voted a salary of $1400 per annum to the assistant chief; so Assistant Norton will proceed to take possession. He will leave the employ of the H. P. Barker Co., where he has worked thirty-four years, tomorrow evening. As assistant chief he will be obliged to respond to all alarms.

ALUMNI MEET.

The alumni of the Lowel State Normal school held their first annual meeting yesterday and elected the following officers: President, Katharine M. Crowley; vice president, Ethel Kimball; secretary, Maude Jarvis; treasurer, Mary Devine; entertainment committee, Clotilde Delaney, Charlote Walsh.

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Dolls! Dolls! —AT— 1-2 Price and Less TO CLEAN UP.

Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' Jersey Vests, only 15 cents.
Ladies' Jersey Vests and Pants, fleece lined, a bargain at 19 cents.
Fine Jersey Vests and Pants, heavily fleeced, 25 cents.
Regular 50c. Vests and Pants, improved sleeve gussets, etc., 39 cents.
Some great values in heavy Jersey Vests and Pants 49c.

Children's Underwear.

Children's heavy ribbed Jersey Vests and Pants 12 1-2 cents.
Misses' and Children's Combination Suits, fleeced Jersey, 25 cents.
Boys' heavy Grey Shirts and Drawers 25 cents.
Misses' heavy well made Jersey Vests and Pants, fleece lined, 49 cents.

Men's Underwear.

Men's double breasted Shirts and Drawers 25 cents.
Men's Grey and Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers, 39 cents.
See the wool fleece Shirts and Drawers, 49 cents.
Odd lot dollar Shirts and Drawers 75 cents.
Men's Union Suits and All Wool Shirts and Drawers only 98 cents.

Millinery Clearance.

We Are Closing Out Everything in Millinery. Greatest Mark Down on the Trimmed Hats.

TRIMMED HATS—Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats. Nicely trimmed in style, 98 cents

Ladies Trimmed Hats, also Children's pretty Velvet Hats, trimmed with ribbon etc., $1.49

Trimmed Turbans and Medium-sized Hats, trimmed with liberty satin and Pom Pons, $1.98

$5.00 Velvet Hats, trimmed in latest style with fancy breasts and ornaments, $2.98

$6.00 Trimmed Hats nice Black Velvet, trimmed with violets and roses, $3.98

$7.00 Hats, Velvet Toques, trimmed with Grebe Breasts and Roses. $4.98 each

FANCY FEATHERS.—Beautiful choice of fancy feathers to be closed for almost nothing, (so our buyer says.)

See the special lot at 10 cents

See the Fresh New Lot at 15 cents

The lot at 19c is worthy your notice. 19 cents

Extra special lot at 25 cents

High grade feathers, 39 cents

TOYS! —AT— YOUR OWN PRICE Rather Than Pack Away.

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Cloak and Fur Sacrifices.

Unseasonable Weather all This Season Made it Possible for Our Customers to Secure Fine Winter Garments at Almost Any Price.

FANCY BLACK SCARFS.—French Stone Marten with Wolf Tail cluster and two heads, $1.98

CHILDREN'S FUR SETS with round or fancy Muff and Neck Boar, 98 cents

CHILDREN'S FUR SET in natural river Mink and French Chinchilla Fur, Fancy Muff ornamented with ribbon to match, Patent clasp, etc., $1.98

CHILDREN'S FUR SETS.—French Stone Marten, full prime fur, with both head and ribbon ornaments, glided purse and large scarf. $2.98

LADIES COLLARETTE.—Real Krimmer and Mendlin, $5.00

PLUSH COATS—Heavy embroidered Storm Collars, with Reveres, dip front, lined throughout, made from Salts Plush. This garment has been a leader at $15.00. $10.00

GOLF CAPES—The latest fad made from heavy double faced goods, storm collar, reversible cuff, English piped edge, $7.00

WRAPPERS.—We shall sell 10 dozen only). Good print wrappers, 39 cents

JACKETS, SUITS, WAISTS AND SKIRTS.—A special price, space will not allow to enumerate.

Queen Quality SHOES, $3.00

The Bon Marche Dry Goods Co.

IN CENTRALVILLE

The Municipal Patronage Will Be Distributed

FIVE ALDERMEN RESIDE ACROSS THE RIVER

The President of Council a "Centralvillian"

SQUIRE QUA "UP AGAINST IT NOW

New Government Dislikes Voting Rule

Though Inauguration Day is not yet here, our new board of aldermen has begun to feel its own importance and is telling its friends of the great things it has in contemplation.

Five of the aldermen reside in Centralville, Messrs. Paige, Badger, Beaulieu, Taylor and Whittet and it is said they have agreed to agree on all matters that will benefit Centralville for by acting together they can accomplish much good or bad for that fortunate section of the city. But with all of them from Centralville there is a possibility that the chairmanship of the board may go elsewhere as Alderman-elect Paige is disputing Alderman Taylor's title to the position and a third candidate may step in and grasp the plum while the neighbors fight. But it will be a great year for Centralville anyway, for it is now conceded that Councilman James Walker of this section of the city will be elected president of the common council.

But speaking of Centralville, Squire Qua is "up against it" for if George W. Poore, Esq., fails to defeat him, John F. Haskell will do the job, and the man of opinions will be known no more to city hall. City Solicitor Qua realizes that his chances are slim and he is worried and seeks democratic support for it was the democratic support which kept him in his job though from his action toward the democrats during the year, one would never guess the fact.

There is some objection to Mr. Poore on the ground that he has given his entire time to politics rather than the law and is probably "rusty" on law. But when George did practice he was known to be successful. Mr. Qua's friends want him retained in office, they ay in order that the tax e s s may not suffer but Mr. Poore's friends reply that with the resources which Mr. Qua had he can get the same if not better results It is certain that the democrats will have none of Mr. Q a and they are quite outspoken about it. There is one chance for Mr. Qua, however, and it is based upon a report that the republican aldermen-elect held a meeting recently and agreed not to vote for any candidate who shall be sent up from the lower branch by means of democratic support. If such is the fact, Mr. Qua will hold over for some time, as there is little fear of his name being sent up by the common council.

Captain Mitten, they say, is out for the wool of the miscreant who stated in a local paper over his signature that he is not out against Gillow. This would mean that the captain is still out against the lieutenant despite that much-talked-of feeling of comradeship which breaks down party lines. Would the irate Captain tell the public just why he is opposed to Mr. Gillow? However, it seems that Gillow's chances improve as the days grow and the number of candidates increases. Gillow has dealt kindly with his democratic employes and it is quite probable that the democratic ten will show their appreciation of it by supporting him. The other candidates are Gershom H. Bassett, Vital Robert and Charles H. Varnum.

A prophet of the broiled live variety started a report yesterday that a deal was on to elect Fagan, Beals and Pinder. Such a combination could hardly be imagined, for they represent three opposing factions. Fagan, Beals and Wyman as the combination would have sounded more probable. Any way, the superintendency of the farm is not in the gift of the city council. The overseers of the poor will elect the superintendent of the poor farm, and despite the terrible efforts of Overseer Williams to pick flaws in Supt. Wyman's administration, the prospects are that the light will remain shining for Moses for another year at least.

Call at city hall at any time of day and you will run into from six to eight of the candidates for city messenger, for they are on hand at all hours. It has been said s m of them take their lunch with them, while others sleep there. As they grow more numerous and more careworn, the smile on City Messenger Fagan's face broadens until now he says to himself, "What's the matter with you holding it down another year, Fagan." Fagan is a long way from being defeated and his term of office doesn't expire until February.

Nearly all the candidates for superintendent of commons would gladly appoint a democrat as assistant super in order to get the democratic votes in the city council.

The entrance of Ether S. Foss into the contest for superintendent of streets puts a new appearance to the situation there and gives cold chills to Messrs. Cheney and George Evans. Laforest Beal's carries an air of confidence which leads one to believe that he knows just how he stands.

The situation at present appears to the writer as follows: For city messenger, Fagan or "Ben" Smith; superintendent of streets, Beals or Foss; superintendent of commons, Whittet or Tilton; city solicitor, Haskell or Poore; superintendent of farm, Wyman; clerk of council, Wallace K. Pirkin; and these without a struggle; city clerk, Dadman; superintendent state aid, Potter; city treasurer, Coburn; secretary overseers, Courtney; city engineer, Bowers; superintendent water works, Thomas; milk inspector, Allen.

And now the members of the new city government are kicking against the rule which requires them to stand and cry out the name of the candidate of their choice. One alderman said yesterday: "I will join hands with any one to have that rule repealed. It is not fair to us. The people in electing us do so by means of a secret ballot, yet our ballot for officers must be an open one. I think we should elect by a secret ballot as well as the people who elect us."

While the new rule prevents cuckooism, it is not acceptable to the men whom it governs and the inference is that were it not in vogue there would be some tall "trimming" this year.

SHERIFF KILLED

BY A HUNTED FUGITIVE IN FLORIDA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MONTICELLO, Fla., Dec. 29.—Will Gorman, a negro, shot and killed Sheriff T. B. Simkins yesterday at the Scurry place, six miles north of town. Gorman was wanted for murder and Simkins and a posse went to arrest him. They closed in on the cabin in which the negro was concealed. As Simkins pushed open the door Gorman shot him twice in the breast. The murderer escaped from the rear door, but was shot down and killed.

PINGREE'S RESOLUTION

KILLED IN MICHIGAN BY THREE VOTES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 29.—The senate yesterday killed the Pingree joint resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment permitting amending of the state tax laws, which had been passed by the house by a vote of 16 to 13. The senate passed a resolution to adjourn tomorrow. The large number of votes against the proposition was a surprise.

THIRD CONFERENCE

OF THE QUARTER AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Last night the third quarterly conference of St. Paul's church was held with the new presiding elder of the district, Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Mansfield presiding.

The pastor's report referred with gratitude to the work done during the quarter, the fact that all debts are paid and the good financial prospect. During the quarter seven have been received into the church on probation, and six into full membership. The report announced the special meetings to begin with a watch night service Sunday night. The topic for that night will be "The Great Prize Fight" (between good and evil). At 9 o'clock light refreshments will be served, and at 9.30 Rev. S. T. Ford of the First Baptist church will preach. Calendars have been issued, announcing the topics for each night during the three weeks following.

The reports of class leaders showed good attendance at the meetings, and Mr. William Brown, the Sunday school superintendent, reported the school in good working order. The treasurer's report showed a good financial basis on which to stand for the coming year, and the Epworth league was shown to be doing good work. The appropriation for music was made the same as last year, $450. A special committee on the Twentieth Century offering was appointed as follows: Charles J. Glidden, Dr C. H. Stowell and Rev. L. W. Staples. This movement, now well under way, was suggested by the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church. It is proposed that the Methodist churches in the United States shall raise $20,000,000 before December 31, 1901, as a thank offering. The limit of time includes the last two years of the old century and the first year of the new, therefore the cancellation of the debt at St. Paul's will count in on that offering. A part of the money raised is to be spent in educational and special missionary work, and anything paid in on permanent church work in any way will be included in this offering. It is the purpose also to gain two million converts during the same time. Mr. Edmund Mills of New York is the general secretary of the movement.

TROUBLE EXPECTED

UNLESS LOBSTER FISHERY ARGUMENT IS RENEWED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 29.—The modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland French shore lobster fishery will expire December 31st. Serious trouble will arise on the coast if this agreement is not renewed. The British government is now anxious regarding the action the island authorities will take. It is likely that the colony will agree to compromise the question in view of the British difficulties in South Africa.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last evening a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting was held by Highland Council, No. 970, Royal Arcanum. Reports were read stating that $3.0) had been paid to the widow of the late Erwin McKee, also to the widow of Brother P. N. Whitman. It was also voted to have a ladies' night, at the installation, the first meeting in January. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: R., E. G. Crokett; V. R., F. H. Murphy; O., J. W. Jackson; secretary, W. D. Hiet; C., A. M. Huntoon; treasurer, W. D. Buterfield; C., C. E. Stillings; G., W. E. Smith; W., C. E. Blaisdell; S., Fred Band; representative to the grand council, Frank Dodge; alternate, George Barnes; trustees, A. G. Walsh and Alanson Gray.

At the regular meeting of Monomake Encampment, I. O. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were elected: William D. Brown, chief patriarch; Asa B. Hilliard, high priest; A. E. Lyford, senior warden; John F. Bateman, scribe; Rich Lamb, treasurer; Wm. M. Dunne, junior warden; trustees for three years, H. M. Gumb.

Last night the following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Vertlodge, I. O. O. F.: E. W. Todd, noble grand; Oscar S. Jones, vice grand; J. A. Lawrence, recording secretary; A. G. Emery, treasurer, and Abbott Lawrence, financial secretary; trustees, W. O. Farrell, N. N. Johnson and Norman W. White.

Last evening a well attended meeting was held by Lowell lodge, K. of P., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C., M. W. Clark; V. C., Wm. McIntosh; P. J., A. Dow; M of W., M. W. Wright; M. of F., John N. Crossen; M. of E., A. R. Horen; K. of R. and S., Alexander Mack; M. at A., Robert Rutherford; representative, A. B. Boyce; trustee, A. T. Paige; inner guard, James Fulton. The length of knight was worked on 15 candidates.

Passaconway Tribe, No. 32, Improved Order of Red Men, held their regular meeting last night and elected the following officers: Senior sagamore, C. W. Hill; junior sagamore, P. J. Brainard; prophet, A. P. Swanson; chief of records, Arthur Garland; collector of wampum, M. C. Rowell; keeper of wampum, E. T. Goward; trustee, L. T. Moody. Officers will be raised up Jan. 8. Deputy Orr of Reading will be at the installation the third meeting in January.

At a well attended meeting of Loyal Victoria lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., last night, Sister Ferguson was elected P. N. G.; M. A. Pass, N. G.; L. J. Mowatt, V. G.; L. Butterfield, C.; J. Cochrane, P. S.; A. Greenwood, treasurer; R. Paige, E. S.; N. Neil, warden; S. Whitworth, C. S.; E. Toy, I. G.; E. Murphy, O. G.; L. Laycock, trustee; Dr. Sweetser, physician; installing officer, Sister Ferrley; chief of staff, J. Scoble. Refreshments were served. Installation will take place at the next meeting. An application to open a new lodge, to be known as Loyal Cambridge lodge of Cambridge was made and passed. The new lodge will commence operations Jan. 12, 1900.

Last evening was the regular meeting night of Court General Shield's, Foresters of America. The meeting was largely attended and the principal business done was the election of officers which resulted as follows: C. R., Thomas E. Rourke; S. C. R., Frank J. Mullen; treasurer, M. McMullen; financial secretary, J. E. Sullivan; recording secretary, John C. O'Hare; S. W., T. Carty; S. B., W. Driscoll; J. B. J. Lang; trustees, M. Moran and J. E. Mullen; C. G., D. Hallisey; physician, Dr. A. G. Halpin. Nine applications were received.

One proposition was received last night at the regular meeting of Bay State Colony, I. O. G. F., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Governor, Charles Carr; lieutenant-governor, Miss Ella Murphy; secretary, Henry Westerstrand; collector, A. M. Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Mrs. Williams; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Westerstrand; inside sentinel, Mrs. Johnson; outside sentinel, John Crawford. The officers will be installed January 11 and refreshments will be served.

At the regular meeting of Washington Commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, held last night, one new member was initiated. The officers for the next term were elected as follows:

N. C., Frances Ellen Morrison; V. N. C., Emma J. Field; prelate, Addie S. Howes; K. of R., George W. Poore; F. K. of R., Arthur L. Gray; treasurer, Luther H. Butterfield; herald, Selana M. Westcott; inner warden, Lizzie H. Thompson; outer warden, Ernest G. Munn; P. N. C., Stephen W. Hands; trustees H. W. Tinker, Hector Turnbull and Edwin Sanborn; representatives to the grand commandery session, Ida M. Cunningham, Hector Turnbull, Arthur L. Gray and Annie J. Corson; alternate representatives, Emma J. Richardson, Louise Thorne, L. H. Butterfield and George F. Tilton, Jr.

Installation services will be held on Jan. 5th. Dr. F. W. Chadbourne is medical examiner for Washington Commandery.

COLD WEATHER

ACTS AS A TONIC TO THE SYSTEM.

Many persons regard the winter season sidered both uncomfortable to the body as an unfortunate visitation. It is con- and harmful to the health. This is an error. Cold is a most potent agent for the restoration and preservation of normal activity on the part of the organs of the human body. It is a wise plan of Providence which gives us a change of seasons. The winter cold comes as a tonic to repair the injuries done by the enervating heat of summer. Summer, it is true, has many wise uses in the matter of health. It induces outdoor life, rids the system of poisons through copious perspiration, and through the scorching rays of the sun destroys germ life.

Winter is the great bracer of the system. It stimulates activity in every organ. When cold attacks the surface of the body and the blood is set into more free circulation as a means of bodily warmth. It is through the circulation of the blood that the human anatomy is kept in a state of repair. When the food has been digested and converted into liquid form it is taken up by the blood and carried the rounds of the system for the purpose of repairing the waste places. When the cold causes increased circulation it also brings about more perfect nutrition. Through demand for nutrient matter which quickened circulation causes there is improved digestion. The entire repair machinery is stimulated to renewed industry.

Wintry air, as is well known, brings with it a sense of renewed strength and vitality. The restorative power of cold is well illustrated in the case of a dash of cold water in the face of a fainting person. When a person is in a faint there is practical suspense of life for a time, yet the application of cold water to the face promptly restores circulation and renews life. This same fact is illustrated by the cold face bath on rising from bed in the morning. The Indians, who, if not now, in former days roamed our western borders, practically without clothing to shelter their bodies, became, through long exposure, so inured to the cold that it gave them but little discomfort.

Man's face and hands illustrate how weatherproof the body becomes when exposed to the air. Continued activity in circulation on the surface, caused by the air coming in contact with the skin, tends to nourish and thicken the skin. Thus man's skin grows thicker in winter just as animals are supplied with a double coat of fur to resist the cold. When springtime returns man's skin becomes thin and the animal sheds its top coat of fur. The savages who dwell bareheaded in the open air, are seldom if even, known to be afflicted with bald heads, while with the civilian who shields his scalp from the air, baldness is prevalent. A sure preventative of diphtheria, croup, and similar maladies among children is to bring about such vigorous circulation and vitality, through means of cold baths, as will render the children immune from attacks of the germs which cause these diseases.

SAVOY THEATRE

A fair-sized audience attended here last evening and enthusiastically applauded the excellent program which holds the boards this week. There are Beatrice Dollard, Lowell's sweet singer, who, assisted by Thos. F. Rielly, character comedian, opens the performance with a delightful comedy sketch. Then the Sheppards all but turned themselves inside out. They are French contortionists and are at the head of their class. Jones and Sutton, the swells of coondom, did some new cakewalk steps, which brought down the house, while their singing and soft shoe dancing was most pleasing. One of the best features of the program was the exquisite one-act comedy entitled, "The Counsel for the Defence," as presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robyns. The comedy is of the legitimate order and Mr. and Mrs. Robyns are two finished actors. Larry and Annie Conors, in an all round comedy sketch, including some tuneful rag-time, kept the audience in good humor while Messrs. Sheppard, the choice pyramid equilibrist, made it hold its breath. The concluding number was perhaps the best of all. It was that of Martinetti and Grossi, a grotesque novelty musical team and one of the cleverest on the vaudeville stage. They produced harmony from nearly all their stage furnishings to the great delight of the audience, and Sig. Martinetti's impersonation of John Philip Sousa was one of the hits of the evening.

CONTRACT AWARDED

FOR PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING OF HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX.

The contract for the plumbing and for gas fixtures for the high school annex has been awarded to H. H. Wilder & Co. Bids were opened yesterday afternoon in the office of the superintendent of public buildings, and the bids were as follows: H. H. Wilder & Co., $1890; Thomas Mather, $1922; Drury & Green, $1950; Farrell & Conaton, $1960; Hanchett & McFadden, $1979; John H. Barry, $2020; E. J. Carroll & Co., $2074; Sweeney & Welch, $2129; H. R. Barker Mfg. Co., $2166; Scott & O'Day, $2181.

NEW HAMMER

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John Flanagan, who now is in New Haven and proposes to make his permanent residence there, has developed an inventive turn of mind. Flanagan is the greatest hammer thrower the world has ever seen. His records clearly demonstrate that. So far as his natural ability as a hammer thrower was concerned he had about reached his limit, so he has turned his inventive genius to something whereby he can improve his record, says the New York Press. The result is he has invented a new ball bearing hammer.

The new hammer is very much like the ordinary hammer with the exception that the wire handle is so inserted in the hammer that the hammer when in the air revolves continually on a series of ball bearings. From his experiments with this hammer of his Flanagan is convinced that eight or ten feet can be added to his present record.

As soon as the hammer leaves the thrower's hands it goes through the air with a rapidity that is marvelous, and the head always is revolving. Besides the speed, it is claimed for the hammer that it is indestructible and that with its adoption the breaking of hammer handles will be a thing of the past.

Flanagan has exhibited his new hammer at Yale, and the athletes there are more than pleased with it It is being used by Beck and the other noted weight throwers.

BODY RECOVERED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WEBSTER, Mass., Dec. 29.—The body of Anthony Lehnewefer, 12 years old, was drawn to the surface of Lake Chaubunagungamaug by draggers today. He had attempted to skate on thin ice. This clears up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a person who was seen to venture out on the ice yesterday.

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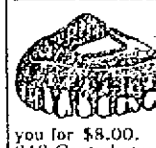

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 68-3.

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AFTERNOON TEA.

Mrs. Adelbert Ames of Andover street gave a very pleasant tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lamar Dunn, formerly well known here as Miss Harriet Hurd. There were many guests and they were entertained with a pleasant little program of songs by Miss Harriet Conant, and violin solos by Mrs. Alexander F. Hobbs. Several young ladies assisted in the dining room, where a luncheon was served. The number included Miss Ames, Miss Blanche Ames, Miss Henrietta Hastings, Miss Elizabeth Farrington and others.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Miss Katherine B. Meloy entertained a number of her young friends at her home, 30 Fort Hill avenue, Wednesday afternoon. The affair proved very enjoyable, games being played, after which a short entertainment followed. There were piano solos by Miss Ella Hogan; songs by Miss Dorothy Hurd, readings by Misses Helen and Irene Hogan, mandolin solos by Master Carl Hurd and Miss Hortense Gallagher, vocal duet by Misses Florence and Marion Gallagher, and piano duet by Misses Irene and May Hogan.

T. H. BOYLE INJURED.

Thomas H. Boyle of this city while boarding an electric car in Lawrence Wednesday was thrown from the platform to the ground, receiving severe bruises to his limbs. Mr. Boyle and friends who were with him at the time of the accident claim that the conductor started the car before Mr. Boyle had got on the platform, remarking: "I can't wait for you fellows." Mr. Boyle will probably ask for an investigation.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Special meetings of both branches of the city council have been called for tonight to take action on some papers that were not in proper form when they were acted upon Tuesday night. They provided for appropriations for various purposes and did not state to what account, the expenditures were to be charged. One of the rules states that this must always be done and for that reason the mayor declined to record his approval.

The members of both branches of the new city government will assemble in their respective chambers Saturday night for the purpose of drawing seats for next year.

WATCH THE OLD AND NEW.

John street Congregational church will unite with the Central Methodist church, on the corner of John and Paige streets, in watch night services to commence at 8.15 p. m. Sunday evening and close at 12.10 a. m. Monday Jan. 1, 1900. The preachers at the services will be: Evangelist Telford of London, Eng., Revs. George H. Johnson and Thomas R. Judge. The services will be under the direction of Pastor Meredith. Worshipers may come and leave at times convenient to them. All will not be expected to stay until the services end. The union of churches in our city for watch night services is evidence of the true Christian unity among Lowell Christians. Verily the old days of intolerance are past, at least as far as Lowell is concerned.

PLAYS-PLAYERS

Happenings of World Behind the Footlights

In about five weeks James O'Neill will commence a notable engagement at the Boston Theatre in Liebler & Co's expensive production of Sydney Grundy's version of Alexandre Dumas' "The Musketeers." Mr. O'Neill has had enormous success thus far this season. He will also give a few performances of "Monte Cristo" during his Boston engagement.

"Sag Harbor," James A. Herne's great play, now in its third month at the Park Theatre, Boston, seems to have endless drawing powers for the people of Boston and vicinity. The convenie night, or the hundredth performance on New Year's night will be a great occasion.

One of the most remarkable circumstances attending the production of "Ben-Hur" at the Broadway Theatre in New York is the fact that his massive production, with all its scenery, practical chariot race, horses and camel and 350 people, is effectively presented on a stage but 70 feet wide and 40 feet deep.

"Theatrical Tidbits" makes these remarks about prevailing conditions in the amusement world in New England: "The popular price companies have become so numerous in New England that there is sure to be but one result and that is a survival of the fittest. The best organizations will live and the weak will surely have to succumb, owing to the fact that most of the cities in New England are getting too many attractions. There will be two extremes, the 10, 20 and 30 cent companies and the extreme high price attractions. The intermediate attractions are not doing a very prosperous business in most of the cities, especially the factory cities, and in fact the repertoire companies are not doing the business they did a few years ago. This is but a natural result of too much repertoire, which is but a repetition of the same thing week in and week out, and it is very rarely that one of these companies introduces a novelty. New England has seen but a comparatively small number of high grade attractions this season, owing to the fact that many of the large cities have had from 20 to 25 weeks of repertoire booked, and the big shows cannot afford to go into a city with a popular price company as an opposition. So successful has proved Clyde Fitch's "Sapho" that a No. 2 company has been organized and will play in territory not covered by Olga Nethersole. This is to prevent the introduction of other versions.

Maude Adams is to play Rosalind and Peg Woffington early in the new year.

Mrs. Fiske will begin an engagement in "Becky Sharpe" on New Year's night at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, when, in addition to a great actress ideally fitted with a part and surrounded by players who realize the other characters that are associated with Becky in "Vanity Fair," playgoers are promised one of the most elaborate and artistic productions of which the stage has a record.

The engagement is announced of Captain Thomas Livingston of Company C and Miss Ina M. Pinder.

W. W. Tuttle, probation officer, was on the street Wednesday after a severe illness.

Boston Cloak and Suit Store, 228 Merrimack St.

CLEARANCE SALE

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Garments

150 Sample Jackets that were made to sell at $7.50 to $10. Sale price $4.98.

90 Sample Coats that were made to sell for $10 to $12.50. Sale price $7.98.

65 Cloth Capes, fur trimmed, that were made to sell for $8 to $10. Sale price $5.

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A NEW EXPLOSIVE

Demonstrated Yesterday at Varnum's Landing

Yesterday afternoon Mr. G. M. Hathaway of Williamsburg, Penn., who is the inventor of one of the most powerful explosives, perhaps in the world, at least he claims it to be, gave a demonstration. This wonderful explosive is several times more powerful than dynamite and he has named it Marsalite, and in the presence of a number of prominent citizens and newspapermen he gave the demonstration at Varnum's Landing.

He broke a number of large stones and boulders and he also placed a piece of sheet steel about one-quarter of an inch in thickness over a block of iron, which had a hole in the centre about three inches in diameter and by placing a couple of ounces of this wonderful explosive on the plate of sheet steel immediately over the hole in the casting, and then by covering a cartridge of his own manufacture and by use of a battery, he cut a circle from this piece of sheet steel with as smooth an edge as if done by a giant die, such as would be used in the bolt works.

The peculiar part of this wonderful explosive is that it is in no way dangerous in handling, as clearly proved by lighting a match and putting it in the centre of a handful of the subtle material, of which no one knows what the composition is but the inventor. In appearance it looks like pulverized stone, or about the color of ground slate. There is no danger whatever with this as it takes an electric spark to ignite it.

The demonstration was certainly very interesting and the inventor very clearly and easily proved that he was able to do with his invention all that he claimed. This it would seem to us would be the most valuable invention that could be possibly thought of for working in the Klondike regions, from the simple fact that it will work from the surface, striking a downward tendency and doing away with drilling. Much more might be said of this wonderful invention, but time and space prevent it.

HOODOO CLOCK

SCARED MAN AND ALARMED THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—It was a hoodoo clock. Mrs. Martha Chatfield, colored, knew, for hadn't it struck 13 and 44 and all the other numbers? So yesterday she went to Magistrate Mott, in the Yorkville police court and demanded a warrant for the arrest of the auctioneer who sold her the hoodoo.

She wandered into a Third avenue auction store on Saturday night, she said, where a man was trying to sell a bronze clock. He warranted it a genuine eight-day timepiece that would strike the hours and half hours with promptitude and precision. On the top was a statuie of Father Time with his scythe.

Three persons bid against Mrs. Chatfield. One was a man with ear laps on she said, another had a corncob pipe, and a third was a fat woman who dropped out when the bid reached $1.06 The clock was Mrs. Chatterfield's for $1.25 after a hot and spirited contest.

Mrs. Chatterfield lugged her treasure home, wound it up, and put it on a closet shelf to await Christmas, when she meant to give it to her husband Joshua. But at midnight they were awakened by an infernal noise.

"What's dat?" shrieked Joshua.

It was the clock striking. With chattering teeth, Joshua, who did not know there was a clock in the house at all, counted thirteen. For a minute the striking ceased and began all over again for another thirteen. Another rest and a third thirteen.

"Three thirteens" gibbered Joshua, palsied with fear, "dat am de debil's gig."

He covered his head under the bedclothes and as the clock had ceased he went to sleep.

Next day he thought he had dreamed it all and he was delighted with his Christmas present, the clock. But hardly had he put it on the mantelshelf when it struck forty-four.

"Dat am a hoodoo fo' sho'!" he exclaimed. "I'now it outen de winder."

Mrs. Chatfield tried to give the clock away. But the report that it was a hoodoo had gone round the neighborhood and no one would take it. A baby died with measles on the block and everybody blamed the clock.

And Mrs. Chatfield wanted the auctioneer arrested after this tale of woe and her $1.25 returned. Magistrate Mott however, thought it was a civil case.

"Dere ain't no justice eben agin a hoodoo," she muttered, flouncing out of court.

A POOR OUTLOOK

For the Ice Man This Season Around Here

"How would you like to be the ice man?"

It is hard to find one in this part of the country who would like to be the ice man just now. It has been suggested that the man who wrote the song had better rewrite it and make it a little more up to date.

To tell the truth, the ice man is at present far from being in an enviable condition. He looks the part, too, and, like Cassius, "hath a lean and hungry look." And there seems to be good reason for his appearance.

The mildness of the winter so far has given the ice man deep lines of anxiety on his brow. So far there have been no signs of his customary winter harvest—with its prospective harvest in the summer, as a sequel. And if the predictions of the weather prophets are even partially fulfilled, the ice man will have a very hard time of it.

All over New England the ice houses are nearly empty. The rivers and ponds, where, ordinarily, ice-cutting is in full swing at this season, or a little later, are still unfrozen. There seems to be little prospect that there will be much ice this year.

Naturally, the ice man feels that the weather-man is unkind to him.

Even "down in Maine," where the winters are usually more severe than here in Massachusetts, the prospect is no better. Advices from the Pine Tree state say that the predictions of an open winter in Maine seem likely to be fulfilled.

It is not all dark, however, for there is still ice on hand in some places, and, when the crop is short, prices are sure to be much higher than usual. Already the dealers are speculating on the prospect of another "boom" year, such as was experienced in 1897 and again in 1899, when warm seasons made ice scarce and prices high.

To offset the probability of high prices however, there is said to be a surplus of ice on the Hudson river, estimated at 1,000,000 tons, and in Maine about 450,000 tons. In Massachusetts there is also some surplus. This state of affairs, of course, cuts off much of the prospect of unusually high prices and hence make the ice man feel blue. But, as it is not often that he is "out in the cold," it is thought by some that a little change in this direction may do him no harm.

The prospect that the Merrimack and other streams will not close until January, if then, makes it seem that the ice season will be a short one, and that except under the most favorable conditions the crop must be short.

Altogether there would seem to be some reason for the ice man to look and feel somewhat "down in the mouth."

NEW TRUST

TO BE FORMED OF THE WAGNER AND PULLMAN CAR COMPANIES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Objection to the proposed merging of the Wagner Palace Car company into the Pullman Palace Car company on the ground that it will create a trust in and a monopoly of the sleeping and parlor car business is made in a bill filed yesterday in the circuit court by Truman A. Taylor of Alton, Ill., one of the shareholders of the Pullman company. The complaint asks that the injunction of the court be issued to restrain the consummation of the proposed purchase of the Wagner company by the Pullman company until the hearing of the suit has a final hearing that a perpetual order be entered, restraining the carrying out of the contemplated purchase or delivering of any of its stock to the Wagner company by any of its agents.

THREE YEARS

WILLIAM J. GILBERT SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—With Judge Fessenden on the bench in the Hampshire superior court yesterday, William J. Gilbert of Proctsdence, for larceny from person was given from three to five years.

DION ALL RIGHT.

John Dion, the basket ball player, who had his leg broken in the first game between the Hurkes and the P. A. C.'s, has now fully recovered the use of his limb and will be able soon to resume work. However, he will hardly be able to play basket ball again this season.

Great Mark Down Sale at Cooper's on Gorham St.

JACKETS—Jackets $1.98, worth $7.50; Jackets $3.98, worth $11; Jackets $7.98, worth $14; Jackets $9.98, worth $16; Jackets $12.98, worth $22.50.

CAPES—Capes $2.98, worth $5; capes $3.98, worth $8; capes $5.98, worth $10.

SUITS—Suits $8, worth $11; suits $7, worth $16; suits $5, worth $12.

FUR COLLARETTES AND SCARFS. Collarettes $3.98, worth $6; collarettes $5.98, worth $12—Scarfs $2.98, worth $5.

MUFFS $1.25 up.

WRAPPERS from 59c up.

SKIRTS at less than half price.

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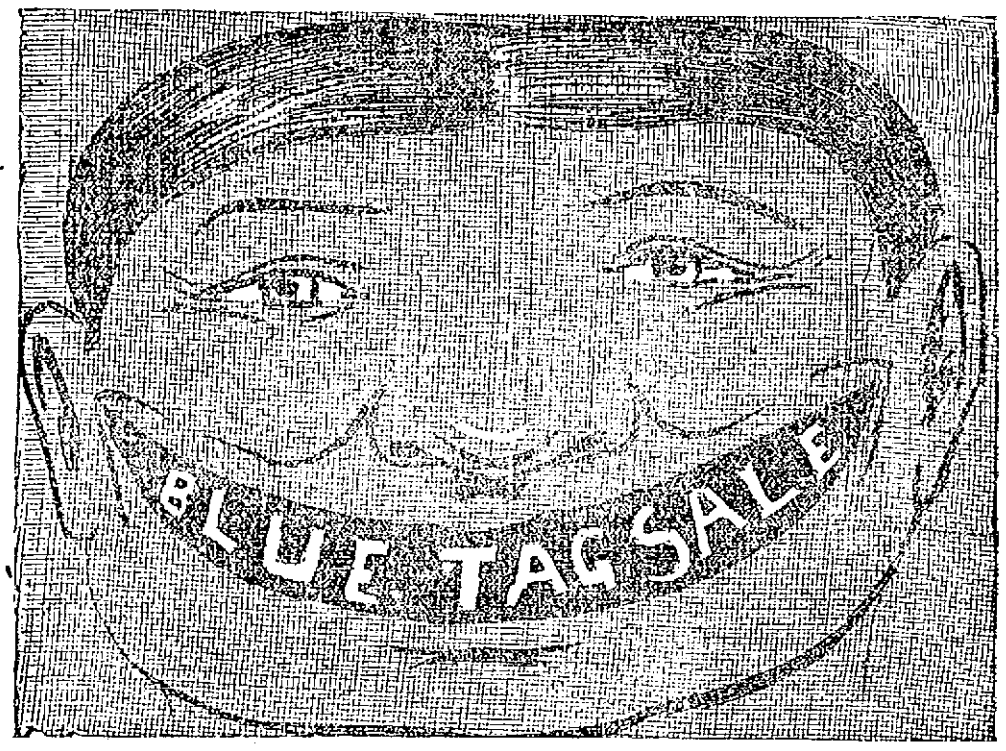

IN EVERYBODY'S MOUTH.

Mr. A. Sydeman, the junior partner of The Blue Tag Store, on account of ill health, severs his connection with the concern and has decided to adopt the advice of his physician—to lay aside all business cares and will sail for Europe about March 1st. To satisfy the claim of the retiring partner money must be realized on the stock in the next sixty days. Entire stock must go regardless of value. No reasonable offer refused.

MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS	$1.98 Up
MEN'S BEAVER OVERCOATS	$3.48 "
MEN'S ULSTERS	$2.98 "
MEN'S SUITS	$2.98 "
MEN'S ALL WOOL SUITS	$3.98
MEN'S WORKING PANTS	87 cents
MEN'S WORSTED PANTS	$1.48
MEN'S CHINCHILLA REEFERS	$2.48
MEN'S ODD VESTS	48 cents
CHILDREN'S SUITS	87 cents up
KNEE PANTS	14 cents
MEN'S JAPONETTE INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS	5 cents each
MEN'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE HANDKERCHIEFS	2 cents each
MEN'S WINTER CAPS	19c, 23c, 45c
MEN'S STIFF AND SOFT HATS	45c, 98c, $1.25
MEN'S GREY HEAVY WEIGHT SHIRTS AND DRAWERS	19 cents
YOUNG MEN'S FLEECED SHIRTS AND DRAWERS	19 cents
MEN'S BLACK STRIPED OVERSHIRTS	23 cents
MEN'S AND BOYS' SWEATERS	29 cents
MEN'S SUSPENDERS	7 cents
MEN'S BLUE HOSE	8 cents
MEN'S OVERALLS AND JUMPERS	19c. 29c.

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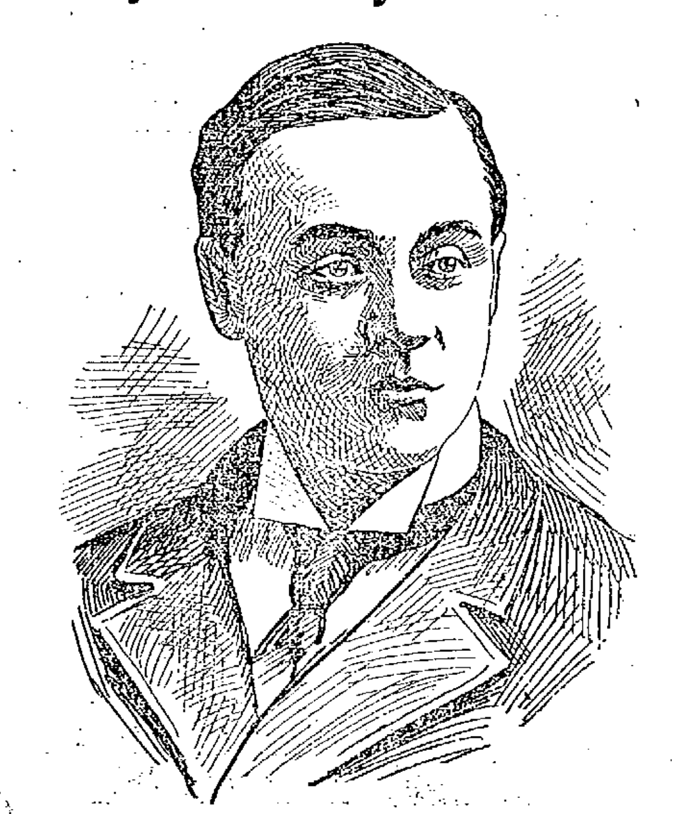

DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, WHO WILL START FOR SOUTH AFRICA EARLY IN JANUARY TO HELP ENGLAND FIGHT THE BOERS.

English Press Vigorously Condemning the Government—Boers Mounting Big Guns at Ladysmith—Marlborough Gets His Captaincy From War Office

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A correspondent of the Standard at Lourenzo Marques says:

Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr Pott, a Hollander who is consul general for the Transvaal and consul for the Netherlands. Pott is the principal medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds in Europe. He controls the Netherlands railway through the Transvaal and is the head of the Transvaal customs. He is also head of the Dutch East Africa company and has the ear of the Portuguese government as well as the chief of each department. It is openly asserted that Pott has a private wire to the frontier and knows twenty-four hours before others what is happening. About him gather all the other consuls, the Portuguese officers and the German forwarding agents. If Delagoa Bay is not closed, the Boers will retaliate by raiding Portuguese territory."

The Standard says: "Lord Salisbury would be reluctant to bring pressure to bear upon Portugal except in a case of urgent necessity. Great Britain would prefer not to place herself in the invidious position of using force toward another petty country and there is no temptation to raise another international question."

"It is satisfactory," says the Times editorially this morning "to learn that the Washington government is acting with regard to the American cargoes seized at Delagoa bay as we should have wished and expected. It is a matter of course that we shall make full reparation if reparation is proved to be due. In the meantime it may be noted, as the Americans themselves admit, that the facts are in considerable doubt, and that some of them seem to be rather compromising to the vessels seized. There will be time enough to talk of the law and the policy of the step, when the facts have been authoritatively ascertained."

According to a dispatch from Ladysmith dated Wednesday, December 27th, the heat then was intense, being 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. There were many cases of enteric fever in the town at that time but not enough to cause alarm. On the other hand reports from Boer sources on the continent assert that there is an epidemic in Ladysmith.

The Transvaal government according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners if Great Britain stops the entry of food by Delagoa Bay."

The British government now evinces a marked change from its attitude in the early stages of the war and shows a disposition to accept assistance from any quarter. The imperial yeomanry committee has issued a statement that the government considers the formation and dispatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation and has intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 8000 to 10,000 yeomanry instead of the 3000 originally asked for. It is expected that the first contingent of 1000 will sail about the middle of January.

The government has announced that it will accept the services of a battery from the honorable artillery corps. When their services were first offered, they were declined on the ground that the corps was not affiliated with any regiment of regulars. It will now be attached to the city imperial corps.

Lady Chesham and Lady Georgianna Curzon have issued an appeal for public funds to establish a field hospital for the yeomanry.

Cape Town dispatches complain of the inadequacy of the hospital arrangements.

It is now estimated the war will cost at least £60,000,000, and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years, in order to defray the cost.

PEACE TERMS

PROPOSED BY THE BOERS FOR ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Natal, Saturday, Dec 23.—Mr. Winston Churchill, on arriving here, after his escape from the Boers, received a tremendous ovation. He says that from conversations with members of the Transvaal executive at Pretoria, he learned that the Boers began the war with trepidation, but that President Kruger is now confident Great Britain will soon sue for peace.

In the highest Transvaal circles, Mr. Churchill asserts there is serious talk of a compromise, by which Great Britain would cede the territory now occupied by the armies of the two republics, pay an indemnity of £20,000,000 and acknowledge the complete independence of the Transvaal.

BOER FORTRESSES

BECOME STRONGER EVERY DAY AND ARMY INCREASING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg dated December 23d says:

"Every day reveals some new fact regarding the strength of the Boer position at Colenso. Thanks to the services of continental officers, the character of the campaign has changed. We are no longer fighting a foe who rely upon guerilla tactics; but we have to deal with what is rapidly becoming a disciplined army, enjoying the advantages of knowing the country and of selecting the scene of contest without the burdens of a cumbersome commissariat.

"The Boers have converted the hills near Colenso into fortresses of immense strength. Everywhere they have splendid trenches, many of them bomb proof. Tramway lines permit the shifting of guns with astonishing rapidity. The main positons are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages, and the forts proper bristle with machine guns that command the approaches. Probably mines are laid.

"One hears less nowadays about Boer shells not bursting. Observers of the Colenso fight say the Boer shell fire was very effective. This is due largely to the fact that the distances are marked off with white paint.

"The enemy's discipline is improving. The trenches represent great manual labor, for which the Boers have a great liking and the way in which they trained their fire when our troops were advancing is another proof of improved soldiering."

Mr. Henry Spencer Wilkinson, the Morning Post's military expert, in his review of the situation today, says: "The time has apparently arrived for the nation to insist, if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon the admission into the cabinet of a military master empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administrator."

Christmas Drafts

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GOVERNMENT CENSURED

FOR THE GENERAL COLLAPSE OF THE TRANSVAAL CAMPAIGN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—During the continued lull in the military operations in Africa, the papers are filled with letters and articles criticising the government and the campaign and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like. The Times complains of "needless censorship and concealment." It cites the fact that nothing has yet transpired to show how General Gatacre came to lose six hundred men at Stormberg. The despatches from the front all represent the Boers as being in nervous condition and in constant dread of the British advance; but this is probably an exaggeration.

The Modder River correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives an explanation of a sudden rifle fire inexplicably opened from the Boer trenches. He says: "The Boers have wires stretched along the ground in front of the trenches and connected with lamps. If a wire be touched a lamp is extinguished. It seems that during the night a high wind extinguished a lamp which resulted in a false warning. The fire ceased when the Boers discovered that the alarm was false."

A correspondent of the Daily News at Frere camp announces that a tramway is being constructed from the railway to a hill commanding the Boer position and that along this line the British will convey heavy guns.

MARLBOROUGH

MADE A CAPTAIN BY WAR OFFICE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29—The duke of Marlborough was formally notified by the war office yesterday that his offer to serve in South Africa as a captain of imperial yeomanry is accepted.

The duke passed the physical test in the afternoon. He expects to sail at the end of January.

John Churchill, a cousin of the duke, and Lady Randolph's second son, now 19 years old, is accepted as a lieutenant in the same corps. Both young men are in high spirits.

The duke said to a friend yesterday: "In a month there won't be a Churchill left in England."

This was a somewhat thoughtless remark as in addition to the feminine Churchills, there will be his own two sons.

HEAVY FIRING

IN THE DIRECTION OF STORMBERG.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, Thursday, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Cradock reports heavy firing in the direction of Stormberg. It is supposed this is connected with General Gatacre's attempt to reopen communication with the Indwe collieries.

CONDITION OF LADYSMITH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Ladysmith dated December 22, says:

"The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise hill, replacing the gun captured in the sorties of the rifle brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out but we have plenty of provisions. The total casualties since the siege are 70 men killed and 236 wounded."

NEW TAX

IMPOSED ON OWNERS OF MINES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PRETORIA, Monday, Dec. 25.—General Schalkburger reports under date of December 23d, that trains are now running to Colenso indicating that the Boers have built a connection around Ladysmith.

General Cronje reports from the Modder River December 24th, that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman, December 17th.

It is rumored that General Methuen's big naval gun has exploded.

The Transvaal government has promulgated a new gold tax law, by which individuals and companies working their own mines are taxed 30 per cent. of the output, while mines worked by the government will pay 50 per cent. Suspended mines will pay 30 per cent. on their probable output, calculated on three months workings. Reduced work will pay 30 per cent. of their net profits. The law is retroactive to October 11th

CORNISH'S STORY

Principal Witness in Molineux Trial Called

A LETTER TO BERNARD WEFERS

Has Been Introduced Into the Trial

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—Intense interest is now lent to the trial of Roland B. Molineux because of his appearance on the witness stand of Harry S. Cornish, two whom the poison which killed Mrs. Adams was sent through the mails.

Cornish was on the stand late yesterday afternoon and his examination, which promises to develop many things not yet made public will probably continue for several days, with interruptions here and there for other witnesses.

Cornish told today of the receipt by him of the famous silver holder and bottle of poison and he reviewed the story of Mrs. Adams' death.

John D. Adams was a witness yesterday. He said he was private secre- Herbert Ballantine and that he was tary of J. Herbert Ballantine, and that he was also secretary of the Knickerbocker A. C. He said he knew Harry S. Cornish and saw him in his (Cornish's room on Dec. 28, 1898. Cornish remained in bed all the time he was in the room, excepting once when he was helped to get up and go to the bath room. He said Cornish looked pale and seemed to be very sick.

Witness was then asked to tell what he knew as to any trouble between Cornish and Molineux. He answered that the first trouble came up in the spring of 1897, following an amateur circus. There was trouble over a horizontal bar and there was much dispute between the two and much talk. He also spoke of a letter by Cornish to Bernard Wefers, the well-known sprinter. The letter was read to the jury and was addressed:

"My Dear Wefers," mentioned Mr. Weeks, and was signed "Harry."

Harry S. Cornish then took the stand. Cornish said he was 39 years old. He told of having only a common school education during his younger days, then a business schooling, a term or two in the physical training school at Harvard and of having studied physical anatomy at the college of physicians and surgeons in this city. He stated that he was connected with the Chicago A. C., for two years and the Western A. C. for five years.

He was shown several letters, all of which he identified as having been written by him. These letters were offered in evidence as standards of comparison. Mr. Weeks objected, but they were admitted.

The letters nearly all pertained to athletic matters and were addressed to different people: One written since the death of Mrs. Adams, dated July 17, 1899, addressed to Cornish by Mr. Osborne, was also offered and admitted.

"I show you Exhibit A (the poison package address), Mr. Cornish, and ask you if you wrote that?"

"I did not."

Witness was shown Exhibits F. H. I. B and C, the disputed letters signed "Barnet."

Witness said that in December, 1898, he lived at 61 West 86th street. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Hawords all related to Cornish by marriage lived there also. He had known them in Hartford where he formerly lived. He came to New York in 1896 and in April, 1896, went to live with these people at 61 West 86th street. He said that on Dec. 24, 1898, he received by mail a package (the poison package) and then he told the familiar story of that package and its fatal consequences to Mrs. Adams and his own serious illness.

Cornish was shown the poison bottle and the holder and identified them.

TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The proceedings in the Molineux trial were resumed today with John D. Adams on the witness stand. Bartow S. Weeks took up the cross-examination.

In the room was Felix Gallagher. He was under subpoena from the district attorney's office, and it is said that he might be called to the witness stand today.

Mr. Adams was asked if he brought with him as requested, the minutes of the house committee of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, of which he is secretary. He replied that he had, as he had with difficulty secured permission to bring them to the court, he asked that the books be placed in the custody of the court where they could be accessible to the jury. This was consented to. Mr. Adams said so far as he knew they were the original minutes of the committee.

Perusing the book of minutes, Mr. Weeks called to the attention of the witness the fact that a Mr. Race had been discharged at a certain meeting of thec lub. He asked if Mr. Adams knew that, and Mr. Osborne objected, the objection being sustained.

The attention of the witness was called to several entries made on the minute book, but Mr. Adams testified that he was not present at any of the meetings of the house committee. The witness told Mr. Weeks, in answer to questions, that he thought Molineux prepared the program for the amateur circus in the spring of 1897. He did not know if the program had been edited in any way before having been sent to the printer, but on being shown the program said that some interlined marks in the paper were in his (Adams) writing. Mr. Weeks offered the paper to be marked for identification and Mr. Osborne asked to be allowed to see it, but Mr. Weeks refused.

Mr. Weeks handed to Mr. Adams a letter, asking, as he did so, that the witness state in whose handwriting it was. The witness examined the letter and said: "It is in my handwriting, but this letter has been stolen from my possession and it pertains to fraternity matters and has no relevancy whatever to this case, and I beg that the court exclude it from the case."

"Well," said Mr. Weeks, "is this gentleman a lawyer or a witness?"

There was a sharp wrangle between counsel over the admission of the letter to be marked for identification, but the court ruled that the letter be so marked and kept in the custody of the court clerk.

"I understand," said Mr. Weeks, "that no one will be permitted to see the letters."

"Certainly not," answered the recorder "it will be in custody of the court."

"Mr. Weeks can see anything I've got on earth," retorted Mr. Osborne, hotly.

Mr. Adams identified in turn several letters that were then marked for identification, to each one of which Mr. Osborne objected.

Mr. Weeks then showed the witness defendant exhibit 12, and exhibit "A," the poison package address, the former being a newspaper fac simile of the latter, and asked Mr. Adams when he had first seen them. He replied:

"Before the May grand jury."

Several of the state exhibits admitted specimens of the defendant's writing, were shown to Mr. Adams, who said he had seen many of them before; had placed them in an envelope and had shown them to Cornish as specimens of Molineux's handwriting. He said he got them from the files of the Knickerbocker Athletic club.

"Not from your own desk?"

"No, sir, only one or two of those scraps."

Mr. Weeks asked him how long he had studied Molineux's writing in conjunction with exhibit 12, the cut of the poison address, before he had shown them to Cornish. Adams replied that as soon as he saw the newspaper cut the resemblance between that and the defendant's writings struck him forcibly. He later said he saw the newspaper reproduction of the address before he procured any of Molineux's writing.

At this point Juror Foster asked the witness: "Are you a handwriting expert?"

"No, sir, I am not."

Mr. Weeks requested Mr. Adams to look at exhibit 12, the cut and the writings of Molineux that had struck him as bearing marks of resemblance and asked him to paint out the resembling features.

"I found in Mr. Molineux's handwriting the words 'Knickerbocker Athletic Club' in exhibit 24, and 'Harry Cornish' in exhibit 20," the witness said. "Besides there were the letter of the 'F' and also the general irregularity of the defendant's handwriting."

"Now you have since learned," said Mr. Weeks, "that defendant exhibit 12 bears little or no resemblance to exhibit 'A.'"

"In my opinion," answered Mr. Adams, "it bears a very close resemblance."

Mr. Weeks then sat down and Mr. Osborne at once mentioned the question put by Mr. Weeks, as to why the witness had taken defendant's exhibit 1 2and the Molineux writings to Cornish. "And I want to know, Mr. Adams, if at that time you bore in mind the death of Barnet?" said Mr. Osborne.

The court asked why this question was asked, and Mr. Osborne said he considered that he had a right to show that Mr. Adams knew of the feud that existed between Cornish and Molineux. The court ruled out the question.

Mr. Osborne then handed Mr. Adams Exhibit A the poison package address and asked if he knew the writing. Mr. Weeks was on his feet, shouting "We object, we object."

Before the court could rule, the witness answered "Yes."

"Whose is it?"

"We object" shouted Mr. Weeks.

"Overruled," replied the court.

"It is in the handwriting of the defendant.

The court ruled that Mr. Weeks had made the witness identify writings and compare them, hence the prosecution should be given the same privilege.

"Mr. Adams," said Mr. Osborne, "have you made a study of the writing of Molineux?"

"I have."

"And do you feel certain he wrote Exhibit A (the poison package address)

"Very certain."

"Now there is another man, Bustanoby, what did he think about the writing?"

"He thought Molineux wrote it."

"Were not Helles, Barnet, Cornish, Harpster and Molineux all in the club at the same time?"

"Yes."

"Who left first?"

"I think Helles."

"Who next?"

"Harpster."

"And then?"

"Molineux."

"Molineux left Barnet and Cornish in the club?"

"Yes."

"That's all, Mr. Adams."

Helles is the man who testified earlier in the case that he had written at the instigation of Molineux a letter to a Detroit drug firm making inquiries concerning Harpster.

Mr. Adams was excused and H. S. Cornish was recalled to the stand.

Mr. Cornish told Mr. Osborne that he had spoken of receiving the poison package to Mrs. Adams at the flat the day before he took the bottle home. He had lost the key to his desk at the club and had to break it open to get the bottle out. Cornish then resumed his narrative broken off yesterday at adjournment. He told of Dr. Hitchcock's coming and of his

CLERK OF COURT

Will Not Recognize Gov. Taylor's Appointees

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FRANKFORD, Ky., Dec. 29.—Samuel Shackelford, clerk of the court of appeals, whose duty it is under the election law to administer the oath of office to members of the board of elections, announces that he will not recognize the appointees of Governor Taylor, Messrs. Mackey and Cochrane. Messrs. Poynts and Fulton will elect a third member of the board in place of Ellis, resigned.

Messrs. Emil C. Lavigeuer, Emil J. Borjes and P. L. Gregoire of the Schumann String Quartette, will assist in the oratorios of the Messiah at the People's Church, Columbus Avenue, in Boston, on New Year's night. The quartet will appear before the Middlesex Women's club New Year's afternoon.

The Salvation Army deires to thank all those who contributed to their Christmas dinner and helped to make it the grand success that it was. It wound up at 9:30 with a big salvation meeting and four souls seeking salvation.

SHOT HIS WIFE

Morrison Took Her For a Burglar

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Alfred Morrison, a professor of languages, mistook his wife for a burglar early today and shot her at their home in Mount Vernon, N. Y. The bullet entered her left shoulder and is lodged near the lung. She is in a critical condition. Mrs. Morrison exonerated her husband from all blame.

DEATH SENTENCE

Imposed on William Neufleld for Murder

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The jury in the trial of William Neufeld, for the killing of his cousin, Mrs. Nathan Kronman, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree today. He was sentenced to die during the week beginning February 12th.

The body of Mrs. Kronman was found by her husband, August 7 last, and cut and a bloody hatchet was and cut and ab loody hatchet was found. Kronman himself was at first arrested on suspicion of having committed the murder, but he was exonerated at the inquest.

MILLER COAL SYSTEM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The naval board which conducted the trial of the Miller coal system, has submitted its report to Admiral Bradford, chief of the equipment bureau. The board conducted these experiments with the battleship Massachusetts, and the collier Marcellus, the battleship towing the collier, which supplied the former with coal in six-hundred-pound bags by means of the towing lines, which made an aerial trolley.

The tests were conducted under varying conditions of weather, and in the opinion of the board were eminently successful. The device transported about twenty tons an hour safely.

COLLIER SCIPPIO SOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The secretary of the navy has arranged for the sale of the condemned collier Scipplo to Ladwig Rabelli, of Philadelphia for $11,650 and for the sale of the naval tug Rocket to James Tregurther & Son, of New York at $1,123.

MORE INSPECTOR-GENERALS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Inspector-General Breckinridge has prepared the text of a proposed bill for the increase of the inspector-general's department to be furnished by Secretary Root. The bill provides that the number of inspectors general shall be increased from 17 to 25 (or rank as follows: one, as brigadier-general; eight as colonels; eight as lieutenant-colonels, and eight as majors.

A HIGHWAYMAN

Killed While Trying to Hold up a Car

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—In an attempt to hold up a Ballard street car late last night, a highwayman was shot and killed. There were eight passengers aboard when two men wearing masks entered the car, on at the front and the other at the rear. One of the passengers, a man named Plympton, opened fire on the highwayman entering the car from the rear and three shots were returned. One broke Plympton's arm and another entered his breast.

A passenger standing on the front platform also took a hand in the shooting and fired on the robber at the front end of the car who at the first shot reeled from the car and took to the woods. After the firing on the rear end ceased, the second robber also took to the woods. Bullets passed through the clothing of two other passengers. The highwaymen secured nothing.

Shortly after midnight the police found near the scene of the hold-up the body of one of the robbers. He had been killed by a bulet from a passenger's pistol. The body is still unidentified.

SEN. CHANDLER

A Witness in the Gallinger Case

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 29.—Senator William E. Chandler was the only witness this morning, in the grand jury hearing of charges of civil service law violation against Senator Jacob H. Gallinger. Senator Chandler reached town at 11.15, went before the grand jury at 12 o'clock and testified for an hour when the dinner recess was taken.

Secretary Hoyt, of the republican state committee will testify this afternoon.

The missing witness, John T. Watkins, Senator Gallinger's secretary, has not been located. District Attorney Hamblett says the case will not be closed until Walker's testimony is heard, which probably means that the hearing will be prolonged until next week.

SCHOONER ASHORE

WENT ON PAQUE ISLAND ON WAY TO BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Word was received here today by the owners of the vessel, that the schooner Mary Sanford, Pensacola, Fla., for Boston, with lumber, is ashore on Pasque Island, Vineyard Sound. Arrangements were made at once for sending tugs to her.

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THE SUN LATEST! 5 O'CLOCK

MISS AMES TO WED

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The Younger Daughter of Gen. Ames

Two branches of the Ames family are to be brought closer together when Miss Blanche Ames becomes the wife of Oakes Ames. The present relationship between them is hardly apparent, as both families are separated by nearly a century. Miss Ames is the daughter of General Adelbert Ames. She has a sister older than herself. General Butler was her grandfather and Colonel Butler Ames is her brother. She colored and Miss Ames were much together on his yacht America. She lives in this city.

Oakes Ames is the son of ex-Governor Oliver Ames. He is a Harvard man, a member of the H. A. A., Algonquin club, and is at present a student of botany. He is an interesting worker for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

BOGUS BISHOP

WHO WORKED HOLY CROSS COLLEGE IS WANTED HERE.

Henry M. Wilson, the confidence man who, as a bogus bishop, recently worked the faculty and students of Holy Cross college is well known to the police of this city, being wanted here for burglary of the home of a sister of Officer John O'Connell two years ago. At that time Wilson was a "grafter" following the Walter L. Main circus. He was later arrested in Manchester, N. H., but escaped from jail then.

LAUNCH LOST

IT RAN ON SYLVIA DE GRACE ROCKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—A special from Astoria says:

The steam launch of the United States cutter, Commodore Perry, was sunk by running on the Sylvia de Grace rock about six hundred yards from shore. The Perry was lying near Tongue Point and the launch put off with five men on board to bring back some of the officers who were in this city. Soon after striking, the launch began to fill. A fireman on shore read the distress signals and reached the wreck in a small boat just in time to take the men off before the launch sank.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 14th, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—George M. Cranston, Boston, $6; Thomas W. Mulaugh, Fall River, $6; Nathan B. Skinner, Lynn, $6; Calvin F. Richardson, Danvers, $6; Frederick W. Carter, Merrimacport, $6; Ervin A. Jones, Boston, $8.

Increase—Henry S. Upton, North Prescott, $6 to $8.

Reissue—Michael McDonough, Boston, $12; special Dec. 16th, George H. Healey, Stoneham, $50.

STOVE PIPE FELL

CAUSING AN ALARM TO BE SOUNDED THIS MORNING.

About 10 o'clock this morning an alarm from box 21 summoned a portion of the fire department to a tenement block on Lakeview avenue, owned by the McManus estate. A couple of children were in the house playing and the stove pipe in the room either fell or was pulled down. When the pipe fell it frightened the children and they ran out and had the fire alarm sounded. There was no damage done to the building.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FR. MALONE DEAD

AGED PRIEST PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rev. Sylvester Malone, pastor of the Roman Catholic church of Saints Peter and Paul, Brooklyn, died at his residence today, aged 79 years. He had been in failing health for some time past and took to his bed about three weeks ago. He was a members of the board of regents of the University of New York.

THREAD GOES UP.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It was announced at the office of the Clark Thread company in Newark, N. J., today, that the concern had made an advance on the price of cotton thread to the extent of about 15 cents a dozen spools in common with the other cotton thread concerns. The increase in the price of cotton and the increase in wages in the New England mills is given as the cause of the increase in price to the retailers.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; light northwest winds.

INDIANS HAVE SMALL-POX.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29.—A telephone message received here reports that small-pox has broken out among the Indians in the southern half of the Colville reservation.

The condition of General C. A. R. Dimon remains about the same. He is still in Salem and his physician will not allow his removal for at least a week. Perfect quiet is sure to bring about an improvement, and the general's Lowell friend will await with anxiety the arrival of the time when there is no further danger.

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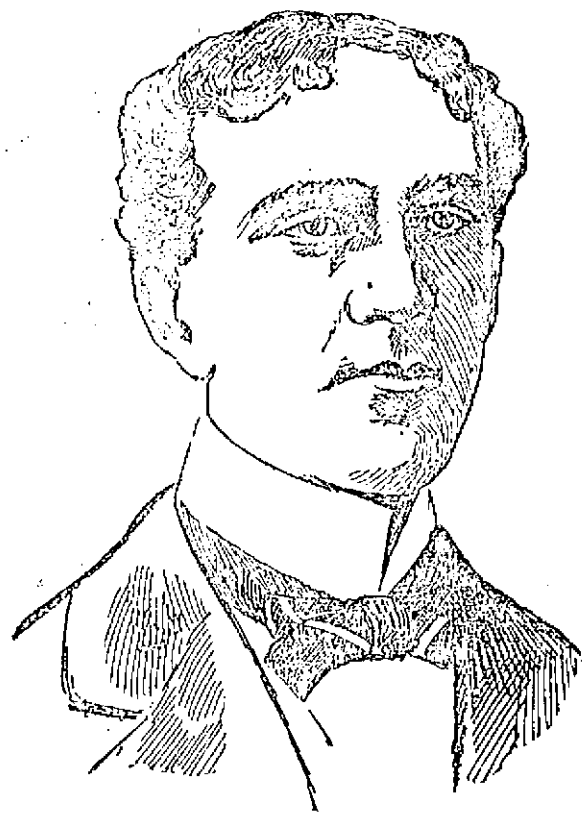

WALTER F. KING, PRESIDENT OF THE Y. M. C. I.

FOR THE BOERS

Sympathy of Boston Common Council

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED LAST NIGHT

To be Sent to President Kruger

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The common council of Boston wound up its business for 1899 last night and one of its parting acts was the adoption of resolutions of sympathy for the Boers, carried after much spirited debate, as opposition was developed. The passage of the resolution was almost on party lines, the democrats in favor and the republicans against. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the common council of the city of Boston has heard of the magnificent struggle for independence and freedom from British tyranny which has been made by the Boer nation recently; and

Whereas, this branch of our city government believes that the Boers ought to be a free nation; be it

Resolved, that this council congratulates President Kruger and his people on their manly successes already achieved and we hope that the war shall end with a complete victory for the Boer arms.

Resolved, that the clerk of the common council be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to President Kruger."

The resolutions were proposed by Mr. Linehan of ward thirteen who in support of the same said that it was appropriate for this city, the home of Hancock, Otis, Samuel Adams and General Warren and the place in which is Faneuil hall, to go on record as in sympathy with the band of patriots in the Transvaal.

The opposition was on the ground that the war was something beyond our interference.

A resolution was adopted extending the sympathy of the council to the widow of General Lawton.

FALL RIVER MILLS

May Yet Pass Into Hands of Syndicate

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 29.—Supporters of mill consolidation in this city discredit the report that the Barrow, Wade and Guthrie syndicate had given up hope of gaining a controlling interest in Fall River mills. They say that the syndicate agents have options which will not expire until January 15th, and are backed by a capital of $125,000,000.

Mill stocks are in good demand, with shareholders reluctant sellers. The market for print goods is firm and the mills are declaring quarterly dividends of 2 per cent, with a prospect that the average yearly dividend will reach at least 8 per cent.

The management of the Globe yarn and Sanford spinning mills have been given until Saturday to comply with the request of their operatives who have not been given the 10 per cent. advance conceded other operatives in this city. The assertion is also made that if the demand for an advance is not granted there will be a strike.

BADLY DAMAGED

SCHOONER RAN ON THE LEDGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MACHIAS, Me., Dec. 29.—The schooner Deerma, Captain Berry, which reached here yesterday, will have to be dry-docked on account of damages sustained in her recent passage from Boston to this port. Her hull is thought to be badly fractured as the result of having run on the ledges off Scabby Island in Machias bay, Wednesday night. Captain Berry considers it fortunate that his vessel was not completely wrecked, but she floated after having been on the rocks about two hours and the crew succeeded in working her into port, although she was almost unmanageable.

Y. M. C. I.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR ENSUING SIX MONTHS.

Last evening the Young Men's Catholic Institute held their regular meeting with the election of officers. At the business meeting unfinished business was completed, three new members were accepted and five propositions received. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing six months: President, Walter F. King; vice president, John H. Connor; treasurer, Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I.; financial secretary, Eugene C. Queenan; recording secretary, Walter E. Kane; board of trustees, Frank Cassidy, James A. Finnerty, James H. Flood and Patrick J. O'Brien; literary committee, Bryne Coleman, William Conway, Jas. Duggan, John B. Kerwin and John J. King; marshal, William McLaughlin. There will be a special meeting of the festival committee this evening. Arrangements are nearly completed for the midwinter festival to be held by the Y. M. C. I in Associate hall, January 9th.

FREIGHT RATES

And Classification Considered by Interstate Commission

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Yesterday the Interstate commerce commission in compliance with the request of the freight shippers and representatives of the commercial interests, transmitted to Attorney General Griggs a transcript of the evidence taken at the hearing last week respecting the new classification of the freight rates made by the official classification committee. The proposed classification is to be made effective on January 1 by all railroads using the official classification. These include more than sixty lines east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The petition of the shippers was that the commission should transmit the evidence taken before it to the attorney general. To the request of the shippers, the commission in part replies.

The boarders of Mrs. J. H. Brown of 241 Cabot street, Lawrence corporation, have presented her an elegant upholstered rocking chair.

STEAMER WRECKED

BUT NO LIVES WERE LOST

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Advices from Honolulu says the island steamer Kilohana was wrecked December 10 at Lahaina. She ran on the reef between Lahaina and Kaanapali and is a total loss. No lives were lost. The weather was not rough and it is supposed that the accident was due to an error of calculation. The Kilohana had been in commission about a year and is valued at over $50,000. The vessel was owned by the Inter Island Steam Navigation company.

The First American bank of Hawaii a new banking institution in Honolulu will open a branch at Hilo, Hawaii, commencing business on January first.

The transports Dalney Vostok, Columbia, Warren and Sherman have all left Honolulu for Manila.

BURGLARS' WORK

THREE STORES ENTERED AND PLUNDER SECURED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MERRIMAC, Mass., Dec. 29.—Burglars visited this place during the night, visiting three stores and securing plunder from each. The S. Kempton Clothing company, Parker's drug store, and Story & Co., periodicals and confectionery, were the victims. At the Kempton company's place, 20 suits of clothing, several overcoats, and some small jewelry were carried. A small amount of money was taken from Parker's store and about $30 worth of cigars and cutlery from the store of Story & Co. It is thought that the burglars had a team. State Detective Hammond has been called to investigate the case.

MAN KILLED

AND ELEVEN PASSENGERS INJURED IN A COLLISION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 29.—The Cheyenne flyer of the Union Pacific railroad, crashed into the Boulder accommodation train at Brighton, Col., today. William Buckleban, a baggageman, was killed and 11 persons were injured, one of them seriously.

FOUND IN PRISON

Local Inspectors Have Located Edward White

WHOM THEY SOUGHT FOR A YEAR

He is in a Rhode Island Prison

Inspectors Lallamme and Allen went to the Rhode Island state prison at Cranston, R. I., yesterday and identified Edward White, a convict as the flower thief who worked this city in November, 1898.

White, while in Lowell went to Sheppard, the florist, and representing himself as the employe of a well known Belvidere family, left an order for $10 worth of plants which he represented were to be used at a social that evening and returned to the florist. He informed the florist that he could arrange the plants himself and that he might leave them in the garden. Upon the delivery of the verdure, White came around with a wagon and carted them away, selling them around in the neighborhood. He is serving a sentence at Cranston for a similar offence. His term expires on March 16, but the local police cannot have him then, for the police of another city have put in an application for him for the same old offence.

MYSTERY SOLVED

Lowell Man Thought to Have Committed Suicide

A man who gave his name as Chas. P. Purington and claiming Lowell as his home, caused the people of the Belvidere section of Nashua no end of worry Wednesday. It appears that Pirington called at one hotel and left a valise and other belongings. Later he called and removed his baggage. The hotel keeper said he was under the influence of liquor. Wednesday night a valise and other articles were found on the banks of the Nashua river. The matter was reported to the police and before the hotel man was communicated with it was thought that a suicide had been committed. The Lowell man did not show up till Thursday afternoon to claim his goods. If he had appeared on the scene a little earlier he would have saved our on-the-river contemporaries the trouble of quoting the depth of the water at certain points in the Nashua river and just where the most convenient point would be for a man to say good bye to the world and jump overboard.

EARNING EXPENSES

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF HARPER & BROS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—At the instance of creditors whose claims aggregate nearly half the entire indebtedness of Harper Bros., a committee of five of which Alexander E. Orr, is chairman, has undertaken to prepare and submit to the creditors a plan of reorganization.

Preliminary to this task the committee has prepared a statement of facts in which it is set up that the total liabilities of Harper & Bros. on Dec. 4, 1899, were $3,033,000, diminished since the date named by the turning over of $150,000 of bonds, which leaves the total indebtedness $2,883,000. The secured indebtedness is $1,001,000.

Thomas J. Kennedy has been appointed inspector for the Lowell and Suburban company.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FIRST DROWNING

At Dracut in Winter in 30 Years

The unfortunate drowning of little Michael Smith by falling through the ice on the Beaver brook at the Navy Yard last Wednesday morning was indeed a sad fatality, and it goes on record as being the first drowning fatality by falling through the ice to occur in the town of Dracut in more than 30 years.

Many persons have been drowned in the town, but not in winter. It is to be hoped that this unfortunate affair will serve as a warning to other boys and even grown persons to keep away from the ice until they are sure it is safe, or they will be in danger of their lives. Beaver brook, particularly at the Navy Yard, is too large to risk skating on with such unfavorable weather for skating as we have had. It will be well for Lowell people to be careful about going on the ice.

GIFTED EGG EATER

SNUBBED IN A NEWARK COURT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"I will now prove to the honorable judge," said a defendant in the first district court, in Newark, yesterday, "that it is possible to eat two raw eggs on an empty stomach. I will now take these eggs in my right hand—"

"No, you won't," interrupted Judge Guild. "I forbid the exhibition."

The man who wanted to devour the raw eggs was Solomon Oury, once a Freeholder and now a prominent democratic politician. Michael Meyer, a horse dealer, had bet $10 that a man could not eat two raw eggs on an empty stomach.

The wrinkle in this bet is that after the first egg is eaten the stomach is not empty. Oury, however, got around this technicality by swallowing both eggs at once. Michael Wrigge, the stakeholder, gave the money to him, but Meyer, claiming a foul, sued to get it back.

"I put both eggs in my mouth," Oury assured the court, "crunch them and reject the shells. Then before you can say 'Jack Robinson' I gulp down the egg meat at one draught."

"I saw him do it," said the stakeholder, Wrigge.

"No such thing," contradicted Meyer.

Then Oury produced two eggs and offered to repeat the feat. The court ruled that as the whole transaction was a gambling one, it was illegal and void. The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff.

After the hearing Oury insisted on doing his egg-swallowing feat outside the court, before a large and appreciative crowd. Several persons offered to buy eggs for him as long as he would swallow them.

Newark "sports" have been making the old bet for years. Large sums of money have changed hands at these egg matches.

LIABILITIES $30,000

BROCKTON SHOE FIRM MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—Ware & Lincoln, shoe manufacturers, made an assignment yesterday to F. M. Bixby of this city and A. S. Davis of Melrose. Liabilities about $30,000; assets nominally the same.

The firm makes and has medium grade men's shoes and has been turning out about sixty dozen pairs a day.

James Sidney Allen, doing business under the name of James S. Allen Shoe company, made an assignment yesterday to H. T. Marshall. Assets and liabilities small.

Mr. Allen was at one time one of the largest shoe manufacturers in the city.

INSURANCE COMPANIES

OF ILLINOIS DECIDE TO AMALGAMATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 29.—By a vote of 17,097 to 76, the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance Association of this city decided to amalgamate with the Northwestern Life Assurance company of Chicago. This is the largest insurance transfer on record as the 28,000 members of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance association whose policies aggregate $15,000,000, will go over to the Northwestern company in a body. The matter is likely to get into the courts, however, as some of the minority are determined to stop the transfer if possible. As soon as the meeting adjourned, President Smollinger of the Covenant association signed the contract for the transfer and gave a deed for the property of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance to Stewart Godrell of Chicago, as trustee. The advance cash amounting to $52,000, was turned over to the Northwestern company. Godrell holds the balance of the property and an amount of over $300,000, with which he will liquidate the liabilities of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance association amounting to $336,000.

MISS WIER'S PAY

As Teacher at the Training School

SUPT. WHITCOMB EXPLAINS HER POSITION

She Will Teach Four Days a Month

The water board will meet this evening.

In regard to the services and salary of Miss Irene Wier who has been engaged to teach at the Training school Supt. Whitcomb says:

"I regret that the reports as published in the newspapers were misleading though not through any fault of the reporters. Miss Wier has been engaged to come here not over four times a month. She will teach and after school hours will give a lecture to the teachers of the school. Her compensation will be $10 per lesson with $5 additional for expenses. Many believed upon reading the papers that Miss Wier would teach four days a week at $15 per day which is not the case. She may not teach four times a month that number being the maximum."

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

LIEUT.-GOV. WOODRUFF OF NEW YORK AFTER IT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, Chairman Atterbury and Executive Chairman Daly, of the Kings county republican committee and other vice presidential boomers of the presiding officer of the state senate, held a prolonged conference in the Home Life Insurance building yesterday afternoon. Plans were laid for prosecuting the hunt for delegates outside as well as inside of New York state. The reported taking up, first of Elihu Root and then of Cornelius N. Bliss by the McKinley administration has aroused Woodruff's friends.

One of those who participated in yesterday's conference said afterward: "The man who secures the pledge of the vote of the 72 New York delegates will be McKinley's running mate next year. Woodruff has already pledged to him the 10 delegates from Kings; nearly every member of the republican state committee is at work for him. Gov. Roosevelt has promised his support. George W. Aldridge and John H. Hazel, who control the western New York delegates, are laboring for him. Every one of the New York county district leaders from Chairman Quigg down is for him.

"But Platt has not openly spoken for Woodruff," the speaker was reminded.

"Platt has long ago assured Woodruff of his hearty support," was the reply. "He will make his preference known at the April state convention, if not before. Kings county organization would not have endorsed Woodruff without Platt's knowledge.

"Senator Hanna, who has been reported as opposing Woodruff, is changing his mind since learning that the president will not express a preference, and that Woodruff is a crack-a-jack politician. Friends of Woodruff have recently asked the president if he desired either Root or Bliss. His reply has been that New York state must choose the vice presidential nominee for herself, and that he will in no way interfere."

WALTER CAMP

MAY SUPERVISE ALL COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—The third annual meeting of the society of college gymnasium directors opened here this afternoon with an attendance of about thirty directors from a score of colleges and universities. The first session opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the address of President Dr. Dudley A. Sargent of Harvard, who briefly outlined the work of the convention. Dr. Edward Hitchcock of Amherst college, followed with an address on "What Action Can be Taken to Increase the Dignity and Importance of the Physical Work in the Estimation of College Authorities."

Dr. W. C. Anderson of Yale delivered a brief address on "What is the best means of preventing students from entering athletic contests who are in a crippled condition."

Dr. Anderson strongly favored a scheme such as will probably soon be put into force and effect at Yale in appointing a man of wide athletic experience, a college graduate, and one in touch with the students, to supervise athletics and to deal with all its questions. For that we want such a man as Walter Camp, said Dr. Anderson, and he will probably be chosen.

Dr. W. H. Barbeault of Spencer, Mass., has been visiting friends in this city.

MAN SANDBAGGED

REYNOLD SEYBOLD GAGGED AND THROWN INTO A MILL RACE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WATERLOO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Wednesday evening Reynold Seybold was sandbagged and robbed. He was then bound gagged and thrown into a mill race.

When he did not return home his wife became alarmed and a searching party was sent out. Seybold was found lying in about a foot of water, gagged and with his hands tied. In some manner he had worked his hands round in front of his face and his head was held above the water.

The physicians worked until late this morning, when he became conscious, but was still in such a dazed condition that he could give no account of the holdup. It is thought he will die.

KRISS KRINGLE SOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 29.—Kriss Kringle, the great selling plater, has been purchased from Dr. Byrd, by T. W. Cole, of New York, for $500.

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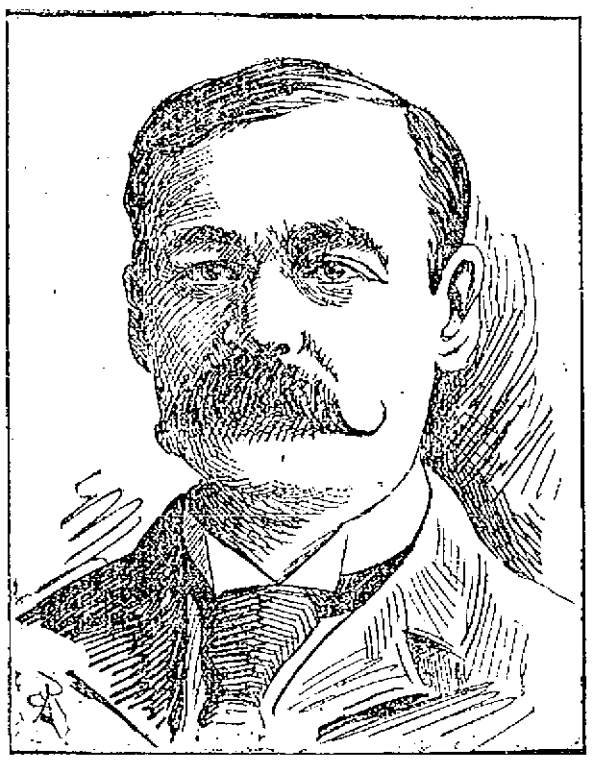

SUPT. WYMAN OF THE PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

By Supt. Wyman and Secy. Courtney on the Care and Needs of the Poor of Lowell—Some Valuable Suggestions Contained in the Reports

The overseers of the poor held their final meeting at the city farm for 1899 last evening and all were present except Mr. Hunt, who is out of town.

Previous to the meeting, a tour of the buildings was made, the overseers finding the same general excellence prevailing that has characterized Mr. Wyman's administration.

Secretary Courtney read a letter from a man named Handley of Chicopee Falls, who stated that he would like to be a candidate for the superintendency. The reading of the letter was received with applause.

Two pardons were granted and the secretary was notified to place two orphan children in St. Patrick's orphan asylum. Seven paupers requested their discharges.

Supt. Wyman's monthly report was as follows: Whole number of inmates, 287; admitted during the month, 52; discharged, 58; deaths, 5; births, 1; tramps, 109.

Secretary Courtney read Supt. Wyman's report of the year up to the present time, the year being unfinished until December 31.

SUPT. WYMAN'S REPORT.

Supt. Wyman's report is as follows:

City Farm, Lowell,
Dec. 28, 1899.

To the Board of Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the usual custom I present, as far as possible, my annual report as superintendent of the city farm up to the present time.

APPROPRIATION.

At the meeting of the committee on appropriations held in January, it was decided that $42,000 would be sufficient for the expenditures of the city farm for the ensuing year. This was a decrease of $3,000 from the appropriation of preceding years. But I am pleased to say that this sum has not been exceeded.

Owing to the increase in the price of provisions, the cost of maintenance per capita has somewhat increased; such staple articles as sugar, tea, have nearly doubled in price, while the cost of cotton, woolen, leather goods and hardware, has also been greatly increased.

The provision orders furnished the outdoor relief have really cost more per order than the amount of transfer.

Three thousand five hundred and forty-one provision orders aggregating $1075, have been delivered from the farm during the past 11 months.

REPAIRS.

The buildings are out of repair and there are a great many changes needed to bring the place to perfection.

On entering on my duties in January I found a great many of the farming implements not properly housed, wagons standing out exposed to the elements, and broken down carts lying in the yard. These I have put in thorough repair, and have housed all farm implements.

The cellar windows of the male insane department have been enlarged, fire escapes made accessible (as per order of the state board of lunacy and charity) a new floor has been laid in the hall adjoining the office, set tubs and a water closet in the basement, (as recommended by the state board.)

The room adjoining the nursery dormitory, formerly used as a store room, has been fitted up and is now used as an isolated ward for children with infectious diseases.

The men's hospital has been reslated, new mattresses have been furnished, blankets for the entire institution, shower bath for the women insane, bath tub and water closet in the female pauper department, thus saving old and decrepit women the travel of four flights of stairs, and a new fence has been built to shelter the greenhouse.

SUGGESTIONS.

We are greatly in need of a new piggery, more shed room for storage in the winter months, separate wards for consumptive, cancer and syphilitic patients, and the ventilation of the women's hospital should be attended to at once.

In fact, the institution should have a thorough inspection and needed repairs made at once to place the buildings on a par with other institutions of its kind.

STOCK.

On the 1st of Jan., 1899, I found there were 18 cows. Of these 10 were farrow, making the supply of milk very short. To make the supply equal the demand, 1 cows were purchased and the supply has since been sufficient.

There were also 12 horses in the stable. Of these one was killed (as per vote of the board) and a new one purchased, making the number the same.

WOOD YARD.

This branch of the department has continued about the same as in recent years. Two drivers and four horses are employed in the work and are kept busy supplying the demands made upon them. From Jan. 1st, '99 to Dec. 1st, of the same year, 3633 orders of wood and coal have been delivered from this yard to the worthy poor of our city from the outdoor relief department.

Besides this 156 cords of wood have been furnished the school department, and 110 baskets of wood and coal were furnished the elections department. The sawing, as heretofore, is done by tramps who apply for a night's lodging, and by men who apply for aid and are able to work for their provisions.

Five hundred forty-seven dollars and fifty cents has thus far been accredited the out door relief for this labor.

FARM PRODUCE.

The hay and apple crops have been small, but other products have fully equaled or exceeded the crops of former years.

We have suffered greatly from the lack of male help, the supply from the police station for the months of June, July and August, being less than one-third of the number for the corresponding months of previous years.

The products are as follows:

Hay	71 tons, 500 lbs
Clover	8 tons, 325 lbs
Corn fodder	10 tons
Beets	126 bushels
Turnips	118 bushels
Onions	150 bushels
Strawberries	125 boxes
String beans	75 bushels
Tomatoes	590 bushels
Cucumbers	98 bushels
Green corn	238 bdls
Cabbage	9542 heads
Carrots	2114 lbs
Squash	21,069 lbs
Apples	11 bbls
Lettuce	85 dozen
Green peas	17 bushels
Poultry dressed	556 lbs
Pork dressed	6150 lbs
Potatoes	1937 bushels

ALMSHOUSE, 1899.

	Males	Females	Tls.
Remaining Jan. 1	193	218	411
Admitted to Dec. 1	284	229	513
Discharged	311	256	567
Number supported	480	437	917
Births	8	5	13
Deaths	33	43	76
Remaining Dec. 1, '99	139	211	347
Tramps Jan. 1 to Dec. 1			1263

WORKHOUSE, 1899.

	Males	Females	Tls.
Remaining Jan. 1, '99	98	33	63
Admitted to Dec. 1	46	58	104
Discharged	63	77	140
Number supported	82	91	173
Remaining Dec. 1 '99	9	17	26
Total no. supported	522	561	1083

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 1ST, 1899.

Appropriation		$42,000 00
Transfers accredited		10,303.08
Transfers not accredited for Nov		929 88
Monthly bills	$21,761.22	
Pay roll	12,070.58	
Bal. on hand Dec. 1	4,091.06	
	$33,878.86	$53,678 80

Secretary Courtney read his annual report up to date, a most complete and interesting discourse on pauperism in Lowell.

After reading his report, Secretary Courtney stated that there is no department that suffers more under the present city charter than the outdoor relief. The department has to pay for Lowell cases outof town out of its appropriation, while the reimbursements from out of town go into the general treasury fund instead of to the credit of the outdoor relief department.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the secretary.

It was expected that there would be considerable excitement at the meeting but it did not materialize.

Secretary Courtney's report was as follows:

To the Members of the Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen: In accordance with the provisions of your rules, I herewith present my annual report as superintendent of out-door relief for the municipal year of 1899. The time does not admit of a conclusive financial report as the figures will not be in until the first day of the next month, but such figures as are possible to compute are hereunto attached and the balance will be read at the next meeting of the overseers in time to appear in your annual report to the mayor and the members of the city council.

The report for the present year differs but little in the matter of the business of the department from that of its predecessors. We go on yearly in the same rut, complying with and refusing requests for assistance and acknowledging and denying claims for settlement made by cities and towns against us. Our people without money become sick and insane, and we pay their bills while forces of circumstances resulting principally from sickness and death, places yearly in our hands large numbers of children whose care and maintenance become our duty. The provisions of the pauper laws of the commonwealth compel us to do all of these things as they have compelled previous board of overseers in the past. Successive boards of overseers of the poor have done from the first just as we are doing now and those who are to follow will go on, I presume, hand in hand with civilization and Christianity until the end of time.

While the current year undoubtedly shows marked improvement in the thoroughness of detail that marks the methods of caring for our dependents over those of 1889, still the actual business of the department was actually the same then as now. The intervening years have developed a system of caring for our unfortunates that is well nigh perfect; still during all of those years very little if anything at all has been done towards the entire removal of pauperism by finding out its direct causes. In our efforts to remove the evil tree of pauperism, we have confined our attacks to the ends of the topmost and overspreading branches, while the boughs and the trunk are allowed to gain strength and vigor from the unmolested roots which spread in all directions in a most fertile soil.

The evil is not only ever present but is constantly growing. It is greater today than it was 20 years ago and at that time it was greater than 20 years before. If it continues to increase with the incoming years with that proportion that has marked its progress in the past, it will soon become a menace to public progress. The passage of pauper laws don't decrease it any, in fact they seem to foster it. Prosperity in industrial channels put a check to it but fails to remove it entirely. No measure passed heretofore seems to have any effect on its progress and it grows on apace. What is absolutely necessary is to combat the evil at its very roots. It is the duty of the state legislature to appoint a board of competent citizens who will investigate into the real causes of pauperism and devise remedial measures for its removal. Of course it cannot be removed at once nor probably entirely. Still, if judicious measures will be taken, the benefits that will accrue to the entire public will be incalculable. If the efforts of the past century had been directed to the removal of pauperism instead of caring for its products there is no doubt in my mind that the number of public dependents would ever reach the high number it has at present.

What is radically wrong is the giving of aid, either on the outside or in the almshouse, to able-bodied, healthy men and women who are able to work. No person should be pauperized who is fit to work and the supplying of that work is the coming duty of either the state, county or municipality. When a city can furnish a means of livelihood to those of its citizens who are unable to earn more, then will the business of the pauper department be at a standstill and the almshouse will be looking for inmates. But the total removal of pauperism is hardly for our time and we will have to content ourselves with restricting its progress as far as possible.

The business of the past year in demands for out-door relief has not been as heavy as for some years. This may seem strange from the fact that the total amount expended will reach figures almost up to those of the last year or two. But this is due to the fact that more aid was given to many individual cases. Many people who were assisted but once a month heretofore have been helped twice a month this year. The demands have been less this year than for many years past. I am happy to be able to say that the present outlook gives every indication of a still further decrease in the outdoor relief business. An idea in the falling off of the business in the past few months can be formed by a comparison of the business now and one year ago. At the last regular meeting last year, I notified the members of the board that there were then on the list waiting for assistance 84 applicants after the regular orders for the day had been made. We were unable to keep up with the demands. Today it is different. We are all caught up and have been so for the past three months.

Whether this is caused by the seven months of no-license or by the improved condition of the labor market or by both is a question that will admit of much argument, and I will leave it to you to draw your own conclusions. One thing is certain and that is that the applicants as a rule have been much more worthy people than heretofore, and their condition has not been attended with so much squalor and suffering. By this I do not mean to say that we have rid ourselves of all of the unworthy element this year. That would be impossible as they are as much a part of the department as the overseers themselves. They are always in evidence and are the direct creators of all of the disgusting scenes that are incidental to life in the slums. To rid that class of pauperism is a task that borders on the impossible. In 90 per cent. of such cases, it is an heirloom that is bred in the bone, and descends to successive generations with a certainty that is remarkable. Our books go back to 1833, and in them can be traced the family history of the majority of the chronic cases of today. This only goes to show the futility of the laws in the decreasing of pauperism. It is an axiom among pauper officials the country over that once a family becomes a chronic pauper, they seldom get away from it again and their progeny constantly appear for different kinds of help.

The closeness of poverty to crime is the great blot on our social system. They are so closely allied as to be well nigh inseparable and one is a great producer of the other. Poverty, apart from crime brings to the department a class of worthy applicants, to help whom is a pleasure and from whom there is never any trouble. Their poverty, the result of sickness or inability to get work is generally of short duration and is never an imposition on the public funds. Against this class no words of condemnation ever comes from this office, nor were any ever intended. I highly esteem and appreciate the privilege given me to be able to lighten their load somewhat and to assist them over the troublesome places in their journey. In my dealings with this class, I have always endeavored to show them that consideration which I feel that the members of this board, both collectively and individually, would have me show. They are the ones for whom out-door relief was originally intended and by good rights should be the ones to receive it.

It is from poverty connected with crime where out troubles originate. This kind of poverty breeds that large class of chronic paupers who are a disgrace to civilization and an insult to Christianity. They are common to every pauper department throughout the state and are the decayed layer in life's social strata. Huddled together in wretched hovels, they go through life intent only on satisfying the cravings of their appetites and beastly passions. They furnish populations for our criminal, pauper and insane institutions. They are the wreckers of the prosperity of the future, as it is from their ranks that the paupers and criminals are to come. What chance have the children of such parents to become upright citizens? Accustomed to scenes of poverty, vice and wickedness from the time they first begin to notice anything until they reach the years of reason, they learn nothing else. Their inherent love for their parents is stunted by the knowledge of the faults and crimes of those parents and they grow from infancy to childhood and from childhood to boyhood or girlhood with the influence of good example ever wanting. Their path from the cradle to the reformatory institutions and afterwards to the prison cells is as straight as one could make it. They can't help it as they can't keep away from it.

During my time in the pauper department, I have seen so much of this sort of thing that my soul cries out for a change by the passing of remedial measures. I have watched the course of so many of them almost always with the same inevitable result. I first formed their acquaintance in the office whither they came either with their parents or to make application for aid for the family; I afterwards get them when I have to take them to the farm when they have been deserted or while their parents are serving a sentence in some institution. After that they come under me frequently and I get to know them well. As time goes by, I am sure to find them in the police court booked either for truancy or petty larceny and from that out, their steps downwards are rapid.

I have found those children bright, lovable and affectionate. They are the innocent victims of the sins of their parents. There is much of intent good in them that needs only a wholesome healthy environment to bring it out. They are just as susceptible to the influences of good as to that of evil, but the latter is the rule while the former is but the exception. See some of them after they have been in the truant school awhile and you would not want to find beter boys. The great trouble is that much of the good they receive while at that school is lost when they go out and return to the scenes and life from which they came. This is the class for whose salvation every effort possible should be made. To fight the evils of the future, you have to improve the condition of the child of today. To allow them to follow in the footsteps of their parents is but encouraging the making of paupers and criminals. Radical measures should be taken to reach those children even at the expense of long established social customs. No matter how we regret to do such things, the condition of society demands that it be done. Regardless of the character of the parents, it is not a very pleasant duty to take the children from them, but in many cases it is better for both the child and the state.

The imperative demands of today are the adoption of measures that will improve the condition of the so-called 'children of the slums.' It can and should be done. It would be done if our people would stop for a moment and look into the existing condition of things. If they would visit the tenements wherein those children pass their lives, they would become convinced of the necessity for a change. If they would but study those children, and learn their wants, the change would surely follow. The great trouble is that we live in too small a sphere and we remain unacquainted with the wants of those really near to us.

The recommendation that comes from Boston against the commitment to jail for ordinary offences of drunkenness is a step in the right direction. Such commitments accomplish but little good and cause additional expense to this department. When the head of the family is sent away the small income that the family received is shut off entirely and they come to us for help. The mother and family of children are the real sufferers. Many of those sent away for illegally selling liquor this year left destitute families who had to be cared for by this department. In the majority of such cases, it is wrong to assist them but very often the question of right is subservient to the question of expediency. You cannot allow them to suffer from hunger and cold and it is cheaper to assist them on the outside than to be burdened with their full support in the almshouse. In connection with the business sent us through the police station we have had this year 14 cases of delirium tremens against 27 cases last year. We have had good luck in all such cases, every one having recovered.

The present year has been the most expensive in the care of the insane and the number we have at present in the different state hospitals was never so large. With the advent of good times we can expect to see a falling off in the number of new cases.

In the cost of caring for our sick we are less expensive at home than away. We have been unlucky in having several expensive cases out of town, each one of whom was too ill to be moved. According to the opinion of the city solicitor, this branch of the department will have to pay the city of Chelsea for the care of the small-pox patient they had there who was settled in this city.

The dispensary and the dispensary doctors have had a very successful year. Mr. Keith, the dispensary clerk, has kept his expenses down and has given intelligent attention to his duties.

The ambulances have gone along without bother this year, no complaint having reached the office. The present staff of drivers are experienced men who have had service enough to enable them to be of great assistance to those who come under their care. The ambulance has responded to 932 calls during the year and has had 207 accident cases and 510 removal of sick cases.

The detail work of the office has been done with a thoroughness that I can cheerfully recommend. The most important of all the office work is the determining of the question of settlements. A loose and slipshod handling of settlement claims would entail a very severe output on the city. The figures that will be presented at the next meeting will give you a better idea of the amount of work done in the office than any words of mine can convey. I am glad to state that the relations between members of the board and the office have been of a most cordial nature. There has never been the least friction and each has co-operated with the other in their efforts to be of use.

In conclusion I have to thank the members of the board, the superintendent and matron of the farm and all of the subordinate employes of the department for their universal kindness shown me. To each and every one I wish lives of continued usefulness and many years of happiness and prosperity."

The financial report for 11 months, summarized, was as follows:

Ambulance, $3042.91; orders on stores, $1469.17; orders from farm, $11,074.38; cash allowances, $2079.84; secretary's office, $3601.55; sundries, $94.27; cities and towns, $1270.81; hospitals, $7260.98; commonwealth, $509.56; coffins and interments, $736.50; physicians, $1464.41; dispensary, $1216.65; care of children, $2747.78; total, $38069.81.

BILL INTRODUCED

FOR AN INCREASE IN LETTER CARRIERS PAY.

Following is the new bill introduced in congress by Congressman Mudd affecting the salaries of letter carriers, the same having been referred to the committee on post offices and post roads:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That beginning with the first fiscal year after the approval of this act, the pay of letter carriers in all cities for the first year of service shall be six hundred dollars; for the second year of service shall be eight hundred dollars; for the third year of service shall be one thousand dollars; for the fourth year of service and thereafter shall be one thousand two hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Don't forget the last recital of the year, Sunday afternoon, at Odd Fellows hall, when Adamowsky, the famous cellist of the Boston Symphony orchestra, and Lane, the popular tenor of the Boston Cadet operas will be the soloists. As some people think the 20th century begins on the following day, the orchestral society will give it a good send-off by playing the national airs and the large audience will join in singing our national anthem "America." It will be a patriotic occasion. The orchestra will also play "Peer Gynt," a very beautiful and descriptive picture in four parts, opening with a rustic scene, suggestive of birds and sunshine and new mown hay, followed by a death-bed scene, a dance in the Arabian desert and the wild music of the imps. Reserved seats for this recital at Austin's Music Store for 25 cents.

MATRIMONIAL.

At St. Peter's parochial residence on Wednesday evening, Mr. James Donnelly and Miss Bridget McCann were united in marriage by Rev. Fr. Michael Ronan. Mr. Michael Donnelly, cousin the groom was best man and Miss Annie G. Rafferty, niece of the bride was bridesmaid.

After the ceremony a reception, supper and entertainment followed at the home of the bride, 46 Crosby street. The ushers were Messrs. John Drain, Arthur McCann and Joseph Montgomery. Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Harley, Miss Annie Cass, Miss Mary McQuaid and Miss Maggie Jane McCann. The guests were entertained in a pleasing way by Master Rourke in violin selections. There were solos by Miss Harriet Mitchell, Miss Katie Agnes Rafferty, Miss Marie McGovern, Mr. Thomas Hanley, Mr. John Leonard. Among the out of town guests present were Mr. Thomas Arthur McCann of Fall River, Miss Mary Donnelly of Boston, Messrs. Charles T and Patrick J. Toy of Jamaica Plain and Miss Eliza Toy of Boston. The young couple were the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly will reside at their new home, 34 Cedar street. The bride is a sister of Arthur McCann, the shoe dealer on Gorham, formerly a compositor on the Citizen.

MALONEY—CALLAHAN.

Joseph F. Moloney and Miss Eliza Callahan were united in matrimony Wednesday night at the parochial residence of St. Peter's parish, Rev. Michael Ronan performing the matrimonial ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Minnie Callahan, and William Cullinan was best man. After a brief wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Moloney will reside on Whipple street.

The directors of the Traders' National bank have declared semi-annual dividend number thirteen of four per cent. making seven per cent for the year, payable January 8th to stockholders of record at the close of this year.

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Mrs. James F. Norton of Ames street wife of the assistant chief of the fire department, sprained her ankle and is now confined to her home.

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MERRIMACK, PALMER AND MIDDLE STREETS.

Dr. Hamblett M. Moore from Thibodeaux, La., and Dr. Shepard Moore from New Iberia were in the city Sunday to attend the funeral of their father, John Moore. While in the city they stopped with their family at 355 Lincoln street, returning home last Wednesday.

Odd Fellows Hall, Sunday Dec. 31

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

SECOND RECITAL.

Mr. Josef Adamowski

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Mr. A. K. Lane,

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We ask but $3.00 per inch per year for each thousand of our circulation. Other local papers ask from $5.50 to $12.50 for the same service.

Do You See the Point?

NIGHT WORK IN THE MILLS.

Attorney General Knowlton has given a decision by which he will probably square himself with the people of Fall River. A short time ago he gave an opinion in regard to firemen which aroused the indignation of that craft. He thought that although the law says all mill firemen shall be licensed, still it was in accordance with the law to have non-licensed firemen work under one who was licensed. This favored the mills during a strike, but a test case was brought against one of the mills and Judge McDonough gave a decision contrary to the opinion given out by Mr. Knowlton and backed it up with proofs that could not be gainsaid.

In the present case, Mr. Knowlton decides for the operatives against the mills working women or minors at night, and in this he is generally sustained by those who were opposed to him before. The mill managers who accepted his opinion as law in the first case will surely give it equal consideration in this case. This will probably put a stop to night work in Fall River. It will at least stop women and minors who work during the day from working at night.

But here comes the point that concerns Lowell. If night work by women and minors is against the law in Fall River, why not in Lowell. It is a well known fact that the evening school attendance has been greatly reduced since the night work began. This should be looked into by the state inspectors and stopped at once. If night work is necessary and we don't believe it is, it should be carried on by a relay of help in compliance with the law. Let male adults be employed, not women and minors. In this case the laboring people will stand for Mr. Knowlton's opinion, and they hope Chief Wade will enforce the law as the attorney general has directed in Lowell as well as in Fall River.

Speaking of the overtime work in the Fall River mills, the Globe of that city remarks:

This overtime business as the Globe has before contended, amounts virtually to a backward step in the policy of the commonwealth in uplifting and protecting those of its working people who are in need of its care in assistance for their own benefit and incidentally for the general welfare of the body politic. Moreover, the conditions are such at the present time in the cotton manufacturing industry as to offer no justification whatever for crowding labor and robbing it of any advantages and favors that it has acquired. On the other hand the situation warrants for the operatives, not only a just but a liberal recognition of their legal rights and we are pleased to know that in the matter in point it is the determination of the commonwealth authorities to insist that such rights shall be secured to them.

New Bedford Standard, a republican paper, in regard to sympathy in the South African war, says:

A good many writers who discuss the subject, and not a few speakers who talk about it, insist that the sympathy of this country is strongly with England in the matter of the South African war. We doubt it, unless by "the country" is meant selected people. Most of our people who were born in England, sympathize with their mother country; so do men who have social or business ties in England; and there are many of both classes. Outside of these, and especially with what are called "the common people," it seems to us, from what we have been able to gather, that the trend of sympathy is very largely the other way. If you go out on the street and ask the mechanic or the clerk what he thinks about the matter, if he has any thought at all, he will tell you that he hopes Kruger will give the British as a blamed good licking. Of the wisdom of his position or of its justice we make no comment here, that he maintains it there is little doubt.

Apropos of the complaints of parents about the spread of the cigarette habit it may be remarked that the charge of spreading this vile habit is laid at the door of the schools, chiefly the grammar schools and the High school. The principals of the schools should look into the matter and do what they can to stop the use of cigarettes among pupils. A boy who persists in the use of cigarettes should be expelled. Until some such rule as this is adopted, the vile habit will spread apace.

The Nashua Telegraph says:

A southern cotton manufacturer scouts the idea that southern mills are competing with those of the north. It is with European mills that the cotton factories are competing. Out of an annual average of 11,000000 bales of cotton produced in the United States, only 3,000,000 are consumed at home, while the other 8,000,000 find their way across the water. While this condition lasts and so long as our cotton goes abroad American mill men cannot claim that they are competing with each other.

Some idea of the cruelties of war may be obtained from the fact that Aguinaldo's wife died soon after giving birth to a child when on her flight with her husband to avoid capture. That incident is only laughed at by the Americans who pursue him and yet he is an educated gentleman and a better general than most of those commissioned to run him down. He has made a gallant stand for liberty and had he at his command one tenth the resources of our army, he could keep up the fight indefinitely. Aguinaldo's case is but one out of thousands in which homes have been scattered and ruined and families torn apart by the horror of war in the most cruel and unjustifiable form, all against a people struggling to be free.

"Trusts create the scarcity which they make the excuse for their extortions. They destroy competition, which left free, would equalize demand and supply. They deprive the young and the poor of equality of opportunity, which is the underpinning of our political system. They degrade labor by impairing its independence; they are public enemies, and their existence is a reproach to civilization." John J. Ingalls in New York Journal.

Governor Pingree has narrowly escaped impeachment for alleged connection with the McLeod municipal ownership bill which brought out some evidence of corruption. Judging from Pingree's own statement of the large sums he refused as bribes we can hardly believe that he would enter any corrupt deal for personal gain. His accusers in all probability are the guilty parties.

A great many of the sympathizers with Great Britain in her present difficulty are foolishly jealous of any counter sympathy for the Boers. They should realize that justice is on the side of the Boers and that their many victories over the British have gained them world-wide sympathy.

The Lowell admirers of General Lawton have now an opportunity to contribute to the Lawton fund. Lawton died a soldier's death in the service of his country and the country should provide for his family.

The republican party seems to be moving steadily in its onward course to defeat. The imperial policy backed up by the proposed financial legislation and the protection of the trusts will do the work.

Ex-Secretary Gage says that when he gets through in his present office, he will settle down in New England. Perhaps the west is getting too hot for him.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night

WAMESIT TOURNAMENT

STANDING OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS IN CONTEST.

The following is the standing of the teams in the Wamesit bowling tournament, recently concluded:

Team.	Points Won.	Points Lost.	P.C. Won
Pawtuckets	27	9	.750
Young Fellows	26	10	.722
Wamesits	25	11	.694
Columbias	15	21	.417
Wannamoiets	7	29	.194
H m Club	0	20	.000

(Five games.)

The averages and single string averages are as follows:

Players.	Averages.	Games Played.
Grover, P.	172 2-27	9
Purrell, Y. F.	177 1-27	9
Kelley, Y. F.	171 4-27	9
Fletcher, P.	165 18-27	9
McCormick, Wam.	168 12-27	9
Clogston, P.	167 4-27	9
D. Donahue, Y. F.	166 3-27	9
Gregory, Wam.	163 15-27	8
Blanchard, Wam.	166 8-21	9
O. Donohue, Y. F.	161 18-27	9
Patten, P.	161 15-27	9
Merrill, Wam.	163 10-27	9
Dearth, Wam.	162 21-27	9
Stevens, Wa.	162	7
G. Kelley, C.	161	8
Knapp, P.	160 4-27	9
Fullerton, C.	159 2-21	7
Howes, C.	159 12-24	8
Manser, Wam.	158 13-27	9
Campbell, C.	151 9-21	7
Chicken, C.	150 15-24	8
Barton, Wam.	150 13-21	7
Fowler, Wam.	148 11-27	9
Smith, C.	145 7-21	7
Anderson, Wam.	151 6-18	6
Durham, Y. F.	162 7-15	5
McCurdy, H. C.	153 1-15	5
Shay, H. C.	144 6-12	4
Crawford, H. C.	156 4-12	4
Halstead, H. F.	158	3
Gardner, H. C.	147 6-9	3
Wiley, H. C.	123 8-9	3
Gale, H. C.	123 4-9	3
Kittredge, Wam.	169 1-3	1
Wellman, Wam.	154	1
Sawyer, P.	151 1-3	1
Peabody, Wam.	150	1
Farley, Wam.	144	1
Thompson, Wam.	143 2-3	1
J. Farrell, H. C.	133	1
Ware, H. C.	122	1
Murphy, Wam.	127 1-3	1
F. Farrell	131	1
Tims, H. C.	131	2
Adams, Wam.	128	1
Hoggett, Wam.	124 1-3	1

BENEFIT MEETING

HELD BY LOWELL SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY.

A benefit meeting was given last night by the members of the Lowell Spiritualist society in aid of Mr. Clinton Rollins, a former railroad conductor, who has been confined to his home since January last. The audience was not very large but those who attended were rewarded with an interesting and instructive entertainment.

The entertainment was presided over by Frank Jordan and "Rock of Ages" was sung as the opening hymn by the audience after which "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye" was sung.

Mrs. Annie Jones of this city was then presented to the audience and she read one of Will Carleton's poems entitled "Reunited" with tender pathos. The efficient accompanist of the evening was Miss Tom Ross of Centralville and she presided with skill and ability. Miss Vina Rawlinson and Miss Rosa sang very sweetly "Two Lives" after which Miss Blanche Brainard, the well known medium, through the instrumentality of two of her guides, held those present with intense interest. "Charity" was the subject of the evening and Miss Brainard through her guides, delivered a forceful, eloquent appeal. During her talk, she defined what is meant by the word "infinite" and the results attending a life of selfishness. Charity with all its environments was graphically illustrated and Miss Brainard's hearers were impressed at the intelligence possessed by the speaker who was completely under the control of her guide.

The meeting came to a successful close at 10.30, the audience singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

ARE WITH BOERS

Ringing Resolution Adopted by Fall River Hibernians

The following resolutions in regard to the Boers have been unanimously adopted by the Hibernians of Fall River:

Whereas, We the members of Division Eleven, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Fall River, Mass.—do unfaltering believe that nations like individuals, have an inalienable right to the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,—and most firmly believing as we do, that might does not make right and never will so long as God shall be the supreme judge of nations as He is of men,—and,

Whereas, England,—the Shylock of European politics, whose national existence is made up of avarice, hypocrisy and perfidy—has turned her covetous eyes upon the Boers of the Transvaal and with her historic effrontery has demanded from them the gold fields of the South African republic to temporarily appease her never-satisfied hankering after her "pound of flesh,"—and

Whereas, These sturdy Dutch farmers—under the wise, patriotic and brave civic and military leadership of Kruger and Joubert,—are embattled in a deadly conflict in defense of their "homes, their altars and their fires," and are successfully resisting the onslaughts of the British invaders led by White and Gatacre and Methuen an Buller,—Be it therefore

Resolved, That we do most solemnly protest against the injustice and inhumanity of this latest English war of greed, subjugation and robbery,—inaugurated at the instigation of the treachery of Chamberlain,—fought in a great measure by Irish soldiers whose hearts should never beat under the red coat of the British uniform—directed by Wolseley, the Irish commander-in-chief of the British army, and to retrieve the losses of which and to change defeat into victory, England has ordered to South Africa the Irish Roberts and the Irish Kitchener;—and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our warmest sympathy to the brave Boers in their hero struggle for their birthright of freedom and with our sympathy we promise them our material aid and assistance, and while, on this Christmas eve, we help to swell the chorus of Christendom in singing "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will,"—we still pray the Babe of Bethlehem and the God of Battles that he will foster and guide the cause, and make true the alm, and victorious the arms of the people of the Transvaal, to the end that there may be a new birth of freedom and that tyranny and despotism may forever perish from the earth.

SKIRMISH DRILL

AND DANCE HELD BY COMPANY G.

Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, managed a successful dance and skirmish drill at the armory last evening. The attendance was large, including as guests Captain Livingston and Lieutenant Kittredge of Company C, Lieutenant Gillow of Company M and Lieutenant Keyes of Troop F, besides good-sized representations of all the local militia companies. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra and prior to the dancing a delightful concert program was rendered by the orchestra. The following was the program:

March—"20th Century"—N. H. Lewis.
Overture—"Light Cavalry"—Suppe.
Selection from the comic opera—"The Serenade."
Medley of popular songs—Beyer.

A creditable skirmish drill was given after the second number by a detail of 18 men under the command of First Sergeant Lewis G. Hunton. The participants were clad in khakis and with one exception were all veterans of the Spanish war. The different manoeuvres were executed at the sound of the bugle, no verbal orders being given, which made the work of the squad the more commendable. The several advances and firing in different positions possessed a tinge of the real, which was greatly enhanced by the enthusiastic yells of the advancing party. A round of applause greeted the boys as they left the floor.

Upon the completion of the concert program, the strains of the first waltz were heard and from that time until midnight the dancing was incessant.

The officers of the occasion were as follows: Floor director, Corporal William Prescott; assistant floor director, Private Napoleon E. Fisher; chief aid, Corporal John J. Gair; aids Sergeant George H. McNamara, Sergeant Percy T. Durrell, Lieutenant George S. Howard, Corporal J. Leary, Corporal William E. Goodwin, Privates E. E. Valley, Frank Dodge, William H. Hunt, J. A. Delmore, Joseph Murphy, George H. Brock, P. Henry Driscoll, C. P. Johnson and J. J. Noonan; dance committee, Captain Edward B. Carr, Lieutenant William Fairweather, Sergeant Lewis G. Hunton, Sergeant Fred C. M. Silk and Private D. A. Haskell.

PRIESTS ASSIGNED

LOWELL CLERGYMEN RECEIVE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

Most of the young priests who were ordained at Boston last Friday received their assignments from Archbishop Williams yesterday.

The Lowell young men were assigned as follows:

Rev. William H. Finnick, to assist the Rev. T. B. Lowney, rector of the Immaculate Conception church, Marlboro.

Rev. John J. O'Hearn, assistant to the Rev. Arthur J. Teeling of St. Mary's church, Lynn.

Rev. Thomas C. McManmon, curate, at St. Mary's church, at Winchester, Rev. H. J. Madden, pastor.

All the above are very desirable stations and the assignment to them reflects great credit on the young clergymen. Rev. Arthur J. Teeling of Lynn, to whose parish Rev. Fr. O'Hearn has been appointed has many friends in this city.

WHIST AND POOL

TOURNAMENT OPENED BY THE BURKES.

A whist and pool tournament has been opened by the members of the Burke Temperance Institute and about twenty are entered. Intense interest is being manifested in the tournament by the members and it will continue for about a month.

Court Middlesex, 16th anniversary ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

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STOP NIGHT WORK

By Operatives of the 58 Hour Law

ITS REGULATIONS MORE FAR-REACHING

Than Has Been Generally Supposed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 29.—It looks now as though night work is to be effectually stopped in the mills in this city despite the fact that the loomfixers did not see fit to go in with the other unions and make a fight against it.

The night work will be stopped by the enforcement of the 58-hour law, which in the opinion of the attorney general and Chief Wade of the state police, is more far-reaching than has been supposed. The textile council, or rather the weavers, spinners, carders, and slasher tenders who are affiliated with it, started the agitation against night work which has brought about the decision of the attorney general.

Chief Wade refuses to give out the opinion of the attorney general at present, but he states what it is. First of all, the attorney general decides that women and minors who have worked during the daytime cannot be employed at night in any factory. It has been the practice of many women and children to work the full number of hours allowed by law in one mill and then go to some other mill and work until 10 o'clock at night. Mill agents and overseers believed that they could employ such persons without violating the law, provided that they did not themselves employ any woman or child more than 58 hours in one week. It made no difference to them if the same woman or child had been employed by some one else the number of hours allowed by law. The attorney general holds that to employ any woman or child who has worked the regular schedule in the day time at night by any one would be employing them more than 58 hours per week within the meaning of the law and consequently Chief Wade says it must be stopped.

If this were all there were to it Seth Borden would find no difficulty in getting around the law, because he says he does not employ any women and minors at night who have worked the full number of hours during the daytime. One way the women and minors employed at the Parker and Hargraves mills have been worked is to have two schedules. One schedule called for one set of help to go in in the morning at 6 o'clock and work until 12 in the morning and then come back to work at 6 o'clock at night and work till 10. The other set went in at 12 o'clock at noon and worked until 10 o'clock at night, with an hour out for supper. Chief Wade is of the opinion that this is a violation of the law too, and if his opinion is a correct one, it will effectually put a stop to night work at the Parker and Hargraves mills which are now the only offenders in this particular. Chief Wade says it is his opinion that no mill corporation has a right to adopt two time schedules for the employment of women and minors.

In other words, Seth Borden must adopt one time schedule and stick to it if he decides that he will employ women and minors between the hours of 6 and 12 a. m. and 6 and 10 p. m., he might be able to do so, although there might be a question as to whether he could do this either. Still, if he saw fit to do this, he would lose, because he would have to shut his mills down during the afternoon for it would be practically impossible to run without women and children.

Chief Wade is holding back the attorney general's decision because he believes that night work will be stopped by the manufacturers themselves. He has instructed Inspector Tierney to notify the mill agents that the way they have been running their mills at night is in violation of the law and he is waiting now for Inspector Tierney's report as to what they intend to do about it. If any of them try to run then the chief will make the next move. Of course this only applies now to the Parker and Hargraves mills because the others have ceased running over time and have so notified the state inspector.

The textile council met Saturday night and talked over the situation for about three hour. The delegates from the loomfixers' association promised to again submit the question of coming out on strike at the Parker and Hargraves mills to their association at its next regular meeting a week from next Friday. The textile council decided to wait before taking any further action until the loomfixers had had another chance to say what they would do and also to wait until the attorney general had rendered his decision on the 58-hour law.

It is probable that the textile council will not have to consider the matter any further but if the state police are unable to stop night work, the textile council will come together again and see what the operatives can do. The officials of the labor unions say they have not given up the idea of doing something to stop the night work, despite the fact that they have had a setback and were forced to postpone the fight.

THREE CARD GAME

Luther Honk, the Inventor Died Recently

CAREER OF THE FAMOUS GAMBLER

He Swindled the Prince of Wales

The death of Luther Ericsson Houk in Mexico a few months ago recalled several interesting stories of his life. Houk was the inventor of "three-card Monte," and he was known in many quarters of the globe as the "Three-card Monte King." He was born in Connersville, Ind., and his family surrounded him with every good influence but he was not satisfied and wandered over the earth gambling for his living. He was charged with murder and was relentlessly followed by detectives. He was taken across the continent to be tried, and on the way his friends made an unsuccessful attempt to rescue him. He went to the penitentiary and was pardoned after several years. He again took up his profession and worked in many fashionable clubs. The Prince of Wales lost to Houk at the poker table. Houk was known throughout the west as "Law Hou," "Doc Davis" and "Doc Green."

Houk invented the three card monte game before he became of age. This is a trick with cards that has fleeced more people out of money than any other game ever practiced. The trick is played with three aces, two black ones and one red. It is always played with a confederate to help, or "stall," for the game. The operator takes the three cards between his fingers, showing them to the victim and then shuffles them about and drops them face down upon the table, offering to bet any amount of money that no one can pick out the red ace. At this point the operator turns his head a moment to spit or to speak to some one in the crowd behind him, and in that moment the confederate picks up the red ace card, shows it to the victim, "crimps" the corner of the card and slyly lays it down again, apparently all unseen by the operator. The operator again shuffles the three cards and throws them upon the table face down. There lies the card with its crimped corner. The victim supposes, of course, that it is the red ace and bets and picks it up to find that it is a black one, and he has lost his money. The operator, when he picked up and shuffled the cards carelessly the second time, with a deft movement of his fingers removed the crimp in the red ace card and put a similar crimp in a black ace card. That was all there was to the trick. Houk worked it for years in hotels, on billiard tables, at fairs and circuses and on railroad trains and steamboats. He taught the trick to Canada Bill, a noted gambler, and the two worked together over all the country. They paid thousands upon thousands of dollars to influential men in the old days for the privilege of working the game on trains and they made money.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

WEAVERS OUT

AT FISHERVILLE, MASS., FOR HIGHER WAGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MILLBURY, Mass., Dec. 29.—The striking weavers of the Fisherville Manufacturing company are still out, and there are no signs of either side weakening as yet. The strikers met in Allen hall yesterday and discussed the situation, but took no formal action. The mill is running all departments except the weaving, and will continue in that way for the present. They have a market for all the cloth produced and will let the strikers take their own time about coming back. The weavers demand higher wages.

THE NOBLES ELECT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The illustrious company of Nobles which constitutes Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine met in Music hall last night for the annual session. 69 candidates first "travelling the hot sands of the desert." Later officers of the temple were chosen, Albion F. Welch of Danvers becoming potentate.

P. A. C. vs. Burkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

ENTERTAINED YOUNG FRIENDS.

A large number of the young friends of Masters Gordon, Lawrence and Richmond White, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward White of Nesmith street were entertained last evening from seven to eleven o'clock. Dancing was enjoyed during the first part of the evening, including a cotillion. The affair was a grand success and greatly enjoyed by the young people present.

BASKET BALL NOTES.

The Business Men defeated the Iroquois last night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in a practice game by a score of 15 to 10.

Tomorrow night the P. A. C. second team and the Company C will come toge her at the Pawtucketville gymnasium, and a good game will be played.

THE DODOS WON

Defeated the Cambridgeports Last Night

An interesting basket ball game was played at Associate hall last night between the Dodos of this city and the Cambridgeport team. The Dodos were victorious by a score of 10 to 4. The game was witnessed by a large crowd and those who attended were treated to a first-class exhibition. The Dodos are a new local team and give promise of making a first-class team.

Ryan and Harrington played a star game for the Dodos scoring all their points. The other members also played well. Hayes and McCarthy played the best for the visitors.

William Kelleher and John Bean referee'd a first-class game. The line-up:

DODOS	CAMBRIDGEPORTS
Ryan, lf	rg, White (Harvard)
(Capt.) Harrington, rf	lg, Lynch
Fossett, c	c, Hayes
(Tighe) Maguire, lg	rf, McCarthy (Capt.)
Shea, rg	lf, Meenan

Score, Dodos 10, Cambridgeports 4; goals from the floor, Ryan (3), Harrington (2), Hayes, McCarthy; missed on free throws, McCarthy (6), Fossett (3); fouls called on Shea (2), Lynch (2), Fossett (2) Tighe, Ryan and Meenan; referees, William Kelleher (Lowell), John Bean (Cambridge); timekeepers John Tully (Lowell), F. Kelley (Cambridge); time, 20-minute halves.

PURSE OF GOLD

PRESENTED TO PASTOR OF THE HOUSE OF PRAYER.

The annual Christmas tree of the House of Prayer was held last night in Highland hall. The tree was heavily laden with presents of every description and there was besides enough decoration to make it look very attractive especially to the young people and children present. In the distribution of gifts, Mr. Ward and Mr. George Mansfield called off the names of every boy and girl in the hall and also of many of the older ones, so that there was a merry time. After the tree had been stripped, light refreshments were served. A happy incident of the evening was the presentation to the pastor of a purse of gold the gift of the parish and its friends. Mr. Mansfield made the presentation speech and Mr. Ward spoke fittingly in response.

ANOTHER MATCH

FOR BILLY GARDINER OF THIS CITY.

Billy Gardiner, the clever local 120-pound boxer, will have a bout before his meeting with Mike Sears. The Lowell man will meet either "Kid" Lavigne of Boston or Tim Harrington of Cambridge before one of the clubs in Boston. The bout will come off on the evening of January 12th, and Billy has commenced training for it.

Mrs. Jeremiah Crowley, wife of the mayor, is seriously ill.

Cure That Cold!
Or it May End in the "GRIP."

The popular expression, "have taken a cold," is very familiar to people inhabiting our moist, changeable climate; at the same time probably not one person in a hundred understands the cause, cure or preventative. The best remedy for a cold is the old reliable.

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That a neglected cold often leads to fatal and troublesome diseases is well known. With children it means croup; with adults, catarrh, bronchitis, la grippe, perhaps pneumonia. Nothing is more annoying than the sneezing, red nose, and woebegone look of a person with a cold.

Scores of mothers would as soon go to bed without matches in the house, as without that old fashioned remedy, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment near at hand for croup or colds.

Every Mother should have Johnson's Anodyne Liniment in the house for croup, colds, sore throat, tonsilitis, colic, cuts, bruises, cramps and pains liable to occur in any family as long as life has woes.

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For children, use a teaspoonful of sugar and about ten to twenty drops of the Liniment, according to age.

PLEASANT TO TAKE
DROPPED ON SUGAR

If any soreness of the throat is present, saturate a flannel with the Liniment, and put about the throat at night, with a dry cloth bound over the flannel. Bathe the chest freely with the Liniment. Keep the bowels open, and we will guarantee a cure. If a cold has been neglected and becomes seated in catarrh of the nasal passages, or turns out to be la grippe, we would suggest that the best method of

Treatment for La Grippe

is found in the wrappers around each bottle of Johnson's Liniment. It will cure la grippe quicker than any known remedy. A mild nutritious diet, a gentle physic to free the secretions, and a bottle of that old Anodyne from your druggist, will conquer any case, and perhaps save you from something worse.

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THE SUN EXTRA! 6 O'CLOCK

FINED BY COURT

Mrs. Woodbury Ordered to Pay $50

FOR CONTEMPT FOR PUBLISHING ARTICES

On Her Libel Case While it Was Pending

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Judge Braley of the superior court yesterday imposed a fine of $50 upon Mrs. Josephine C. Woodbury, in the contempt proceedings which grew out of Mrs. Woodbury's suit against Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the well known Christian Science leader, for $50,000.

The decree of Judge Braley is as follows:

"On defendant's motion for an order to show cause why an attachment for contempt should not be issued against said Josephine C. Woodbury.

"And now after hearing the parties, their witnesses and the arguments of counsel in this case, and upon consideration of the same it appears that the said Josephine C. Woodbury caused to be published in the Boston Post a copy of the substance thereof of the declaration in this case, and also either caused certain statements about her case to be published in the New York World, or else submitted to an interview wherein she made certain statements of and concerning her case, with the knowledge and intention that such statements be published and that Frederick W. Peabody, her counsel in said case, has with her knowledge and consent caused to be published certain comments upon the issues to be tried in this case, and that all such matters and things are calculated to obstruct the course of justice in the court in which said case is pending, and to prevent a fair trial thereof, it is adjudged that the said Josephine C. Woodbury is guilty of the contempt alleged against her.

"It is therefore ordered that she pay a fine of $50 to the use of the county of Suffolk for her said misconduct, and she stand committed to the jail in said county until said fine be paid, unless she shall sooner be discharged by the court, and that a warrant issue to carry this order into effect."

Miss Woodbury at once paid her fine and was discharged in the contempt proceedings.

F. W. Peabody, counsel for Mrs. Woodbury, said yesterday that the publications complained of having been made upon his advice, he feels himself really responsible, although his client has been found guilty of contempt in making them.

"Judge Braley's decision," said Mr. Peabody, "does not stay the prosecution of Mrs. Woodbury's libel suit, which will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible."

TO BE GARROTED

Five Men to Pay Death Penalty For Cruel Murder

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 29.—The supreme court of Puerto Rico at Ponce has sentenced five men to be garroted.

In October, 1898, 20 men, heavily armed with guns and machetes, robed a house in Yauco, province of Ponce, and murdered a man named Prudencio Mendez.

They also danced around his body with his daughters, who were under compulsion.

Seven of the men were caught, but subsequently one of these escaped and one died in jail.

STEAMSHIP TICKETS AND DRAFTS.

Sold on the Cunard, Dominion, White Star, American, Anchor, Allan and Leyland lines, to and from Boston, New York, Queenstown, Liverpool and all parts of Europe. Drafts issued for £1 and upward on all parts of Great Britain and Ireland. English sovereigns and Canada bills bought at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

P. A. C. vs. Barkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FUNERALS.

BLANCHARD—The funeral of Mrs. Henrietta W. Blanchard was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 63 Westford street. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives and numerous floral tributes testified to the many loving friends left behind by the deceased. Rev. Dr. W. A. Bartlett officiated and appropriate musical selections were rendered by a quartet consisting of Miss Crafts, Mrs. Hathaway, George E. Burns and Edward Wirt. The bearers were Messrs. William E. Mack, J. W. C. Pickering, Charles L. Hildreth and George W. Dutton. A. G. Cumnock had general charge of the arrangements. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck.

BROGAN—The remains of Patrick F. Brogan were consigned to their last resting place yesterday morning in the Catholic cemetery. The funeral left his late home, 47 Cross street at 8.45 o'clock and proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Michael J. Leonard. The pall bearers were William H. Kennedy, George H. Wallace, Joseph Bowers, Michael Rohan, Edward Cox and Joseph Fitzgerald. The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives of the deceased. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker O'Donnell.

FAMINE RELIEF

IS GIVEN TO NEARLY 3,000,000 PEOPLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.—Almost three million persons are receiving famine relief. The government is spending nearly two lakhs of rupees daily. It is estimated that the cost of the relief to the end of March will be three score of rupees. Owing to the rapid increase in the numbers of people seeking relief, the viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kendleton, invites a closer scrutiny of the claims of the applicants.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Allen Worth, two of the best known residents of Charlestown, having resided in that district for almost 53 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Pendergast, 31 Mead street.

P. A. C. vs. Barkes, Associate hall, New Year's night.

FIFTY DOLLARS

Donated to Striking Weavers of Lonsdale, R. I.

BY THE WEAVER'S UNION LAST NIGHT

Mr. Connolly to Address the Strikers

At the regular meeting of the weavers' union, last evening in Loomfixers' hall, it was voted to donate $50 to the striking weavers at Lonsdale, R. I.

Messrs. Thomas Breen and Thomas Henderson of Lonsdale, R. I., were sent to Lowell in behalf of the striking weavers at that place. They were present at the meeting of the Lowell weavers Thursday evening, and after telling of the situation of the 175 weavers who are out on strike at Lonsdale were voted $50.

The visiting committee was much impressed at the liberality of the Lowell weavers and expressed themselves sincerely on the generous contribution. They said it was more than they expected to receive on account of the various calls that have been made upon the local union. Messrs. Breen and Henderson explained that about 175 weavers were out on strike at Lonsdale. Their chief grievance is because the Lonsdale Manufacturing company has adopted the Draper loom. By its adoption they claim, over one-third of the weavers were thrown out of employment and the difference in price per cut is 25 cents decrease.

Mr. Connolly will go to Lonsdale with Messrs. Breen and Henderson today, and will address a mass meeting at that place this evening.

The weavers elected officers for the ensuing year. The old board remains intact with the following exceptions: Vice president Thomas O'Hearn was made permanent collector and Mr. W. A. Bakewell was elected to the vice presidency. James Mylott, Lizzie Bannon and Annie Logan were elected auditors and May Jennings and Frank Lectaire, Sr., were chosen trustees. A motion to change the meetings of the general body from weekly to bi-weekly was adopted. The executive committee will meet every other week.

BUILDING LABORERS.

The Building Laborers union held a meeting last night and four candidates were admitted to membership. The project of securing a work day of eight hours for building laborers instead of nine as at present was discussed and the members expect that the time will soon be ripe for an advance in wages in line with that already granted mill employes. Invitations have been extended the bricklayers, printers, plasterers, slaters, carpenter, plumbers, steam fitters, iron moulders and hatters to meet in Building Laborers' hall a week from Friday night for the purpose of forming a building trades council on lines similar to those in other cities.

At the next meeting officers will be elected and also delegates to the convention to be held in Newport, R. I., Feb. 6.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

The Electrical Workers held their regular meeting in engineers' hall, last evening and took under consideration the matter of holding a ball and a sick benefit. Practical electrical subjects were also discussed.

HE SURRENDERED

Assistant Cashier Goldsmith Held in $10,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Lewis E. Goldsmith, assistant cashier of the Port Jervis National Bank, Port Jervis, N. Y., who is alleged to have robbed that institution of $51,000 on November 14th last, and also to have falsified the bank's books, surrendered himself here today. Goldsmith left Port Jervis four days before a warrant was issued for his arrest and has since been a fugitive. His left arm was in a sling and he said that he had fallen off a train and broken his collar bone. He was held in $10,000 bail for the grand jury.

CLAN - NA - GAEL

Fighting Instinct Among Members is Strong

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 29.—The local branch of the Clan-na-Gael society of this city, which has a membership of 500, will hold a meeting Sunday afternoon. A prominent member of the society stated today that a call for 500 men from this city for the talked of invasion of Canada would meet with instant response. It is stated that the local organization is ready and anxious to join forces with the movement which is said to be assuming such proportions in all parts of the country. The fighting instinct among the members was never so strong as it is at present, and an enthusiastic gathering is anticipated for Sunday, when many applications for membership will be acted upon.

BIG FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 29.—Fire started in the pantry of the L. A. Tillinghast company, caterers, 277 Westminster street, at 6 o'clock this morning and threatened the big block in which is their property, the B. H. Gladding company, dry goods; the Trocarero suite of assembly rooms, and half a dozen smaller business enterprises. It was checked after a double alarm before spreading much outside of the Tillinghast properties. The loss is about $20,000, of which the Tillinghast share is one-half. Smoke and fire was responsible for the greater part of the damage. All firms effected carried insurance, most of them in full.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

ASSAULT CASES

A Number of Them on in Police Court

THREE DEFENDANTS IN ONE CASE

Charged With Assaulting a Restaurant Keeper

Only one arrest was made by the police yesterday. The unfortunate was Joseph Ayotte, who in police court this morning was charged with being a common drunkard. He pleaded guilty and upon hearing the testimony of Officers Breault and John W. Fox, the court sentenced him to jail for a term of six months.

Judge Hadley was on the bench and a number of continued cases were tried.

William Clark and Annie Holland, charged with lewd and lascivious cohabitation, pleaded guilty and were held for the superior court, each in $200. The defendants were represented by James J. Kerwin, Esq.

Thomas Joncas, John Rogers and Edward Moran were jointly charged with assault and battery on Joseph Seymore. The defendants all pleaded not guilty and were each represented by counsel. Judge Pickman appeared for Rogers, J. Joseph Hennessey, Esq., for Moran, and William A. Hogan, for Joncas. Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., appeared for the government.

Seymore testified that he conducts a restaurant at 349 Middlesex street. He said he was on Middlesex street on last Saturday evening in company with a young man employed by him in his restaurant. A number of men were standing in front of the Eliot building, among whom the witness recognized Edward Moran, John Rogers, and Thomas Joncas and a fellow whom they called "Portuguese Joe." Witness knew all four. As witness and his companion were passing the crowd somebody pushed his companion which made witness ask if the sidewalk was big enough. As he made that remark witness claimed he was immediately set upon by Rogers who pulled a bottle from his pocket and struck witness in the face with it. "Portuguese Joe" Moran and Joncas then rushed at Seymore and struck him several hard blows. Witness said Moran struck him a heavy blow in the stomach which rendered him unconscious. Witness said he never did anything to any of the defendants but said that Rogers assaulted him about six months ago.

Eva Benson who said she worked on the stage, saw the whole trouble and testified substantially as did Seymore. She said said she was on the opposite side of the street when one of the crowd that had collected in front of the Eliot building pushed Seymore's companion and witness heard Seymore ask them if the sidewalk wasn't big enough. She saw "Portuguese Joe" Moran, Rogers and Joncas all strike the previous witness.

Cross-examined, witness said she has been on the stage for three years. She does a song and dance turn and also a trapeze act. She went on the stage, she said, after leaving the state industrial school for girls, where she had been committed two years. Her circuit is a short one, including only five cent theatres of Lowell and Lawrence. The last place she performed was at the defunct Gaiety theatre in this city. She says she was in the burlesque and has not done any work since that theatre closed, two weeks ago, though she expects to start at Lawrence Monday. She takes her meals at Seymore's restaurant.

The young man who was with Seymore when he was assaulted and also was pushed by one of the crowd, testified. His testimony was substantially the same as Seymore's. He said Rogers struck the companion to the face with a bottle, which he drew from his pocket.

This case was rested a few minutes, while the cases of Charles G. Erickson, Ellen Erickson, Paul Erickson, Augustus Patterson and Julia Patterson, all of Tewksbury, charged with assault and battery on Constable Lawrence E. Lynch of that town, were continued until Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the request of Larkin T. Trull, counsel for the town of Tewksbury. The case of Edward Moran and John Rogers, two of the defendants in the other assault case, for drunkenness in Tewksbury, was continued to the same time. Moran and Rogers were arrested in Wigglesville early Sunday morning, and at the station were booked for drunkenness and disturbing the peace. No complaint was made for disturbing the peace, however.

The Seymore assault case was resumed and three other witnesses were put on for the government, but their testimony was substantially similar to that of the previous witnesses.

All three defendants took the stand in their own defence and all denied assaulting Seymore.

The court, however, found all three guilty and sentenced Moran and Rogers to jail each for a term of four months, and imposed a fine of $20 upon Joncas. All appealed and were held for the superior court.

There was also a second complaint against Joncas for assault on the same person and on that complaint he will be tried this afternoon.

DEATHS

PRINCE—The many friends of Mrs. George C. Prince will be pained to hear of her demise which occurred Wednesday evening at Hotel Oakley, Boston. Deceased had been in poor health for some months and had been seeking strength in Beverley Farms and Brookline and later in Boston. Mrs. Prince was universally beloved by all with whom she came in contact. Great sympathy will be felt for her mother, Mrs. Boardman and Mr. Prince who has been constantly with his wife. Deceased was the wife of George C. Prince, the well-known Merrimack street stationer. The funeral will be held tomorrow at one o'clock from her late home at 5 Simpson street.

WOOD—Sarah S. V. Wood, wife of Andrew S. Wood, aged 35 years, died yesterday at her late home, 526 School street.

SALISBURY—Sarah Salisbury, aged 55 years, died this morning at her home 32 Humphrey street.

FLORENCE HINCKLEY MARRIED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Florence Blythe Hinckley, heiress to several million dollars left by her father, Thomas Blythe, which was awarded to her after protracted litigation has been married to A. A. Moore, Jr., deputy attorney general of this state.

LOSS OF $150,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 29.—The building and contents of the Hiklen Winzer wholesale grocery were destroyed by fire today. Loss $150,000; insurance $75,000.

TERMS OF PEACE

On Which Aguinaldo May Surrender

HIS DELEGATES IN THIS COUNTRY

And Will Seek an Interview With McKinley

GEN. LAWTON A BRAVE MAN

Says the Chairman of the Delegation

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Dec. 29.—"If President McKinley will decide on anything like reasonable terms for the surrender of Aguinaldo and the Filipinos under him, and will inform the Filipino congress through us, its representatives, in this country, the Filipinos will lay down their arms within the next month or two and the war will end," said Jessup T. de Fransandez, who claims to be one of the three special representatives of Agoncillo and the Filipino congress, as he was about to take the 3.10 train for New York at the Columbia avenue station yesterday afternoon. Fransandez, with two others, Lario le M. Lejera and Juliet Francisco Lopez, were appointed at a meeting of the Filipino congress as special representatives to come to this country, and if possible have a personal interview with President McKinley.

Their mission is principally to ascertain from the president his views regarding the war in the Philippines and if possible learn from him if he is desirous of allowing Aguinaldo to surrender on certain terms that they will offer.

While in Washington the three representatives are also to make a canvass of the members of the senate and house of representatives with the object of learning every member's attitude toward the administration and the Filipino war.

The three representatives arrived in New York on Christmas eve on the Campania from Liverpool. After reaching New York Fransandez came to this city on a secret mission, and expected to join his two colleagues last night in New York. What he was doing here he refused to say, but he declared that he would make it public at the proper time.

The emissaries expect to leave for Washington either tomorrow or the day following, so that they can be there for the reopening of congress after the holidays. Fransandez said he has several friends in this city, and that he stopped with them while here.

Pressed as to the nature of the overtures or terms he and the other representatives were to make, Fransandez positively refused to divulge them. He admitted that the terms were the last and best that would ever be made to this country, and that they were only decided on after a very long and disagreeable session of the Filipino congress.

BIG HAUL

COL. LOCKETT'S FINE WORK NEAR MONTALBAN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The adjutant general received the following cable dispatch from General Otis today:

"Manila, Dec. 29.—Colonel Lockett, with regiment, two battalions 46th, (Col. Schuyler) one 46th, (Col. Dorst), and company of the 27th infantry, two guns, Captain VanDusen, attacked enemy six hundred strong on Mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast San Mateo. Large number killed and wounded, 24 taken prisoners. Lockett captured one cannon, forty rifles, 20,000 rounds ammunition, 600 pounds powder, arsenal fortifications, all food supplies and considerable other property. This captured point located on mountain trail and formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties, Lieut. Enslow, 11th cavalry, and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slight. Private Maton, 46th infantry, drowned."

MUSIC HALL

The Victoria Burlesquers company, of which Ed. T. Rush is proprietor and which played here in the early part of October, very successfully opened a return engagement at Music Hall last night. The opening scene, an elaborate setting of a Chinese opium dive, gave nearly all the company something to do and Miss Stafford a chance to sing a medley of popular songs, some of them with choruses. As before, Miss Agnes Benner opens the olio with a group of lively songs. She sang two new compositions, "Tell It to Me, Babe," and "Learn to Love." John H. Reid and Miss Ella Gilbert repeated their former success in a clever sketch. The former is a capital Irish comedian and dancer, and Miss Gilbert's singing added materially to the interest of the travesty. Al. Curtis and Marx Wooley as the Hebrew and German ambassadors made a distinct hit. They are among the foremost of dialect performers and have the mannerisms of the nationalities they depict down to a nicety. Lefroy and Morris in their comedy bar act were again the feature of the olio, and their amusing and difficult performance was heartily applauded. Miss Camille Le Roy Stafford sang three excellent songs, "Little Georgie Grace," "My Hannah Lady," and "Just Her that I Love Her." The songs were illustrated by many fine pictures admirably handled by Fred E. Moore.

The closing travesty, "A High Ball," introduced some capital burlesquers of scenes from well known plays and the entire company appeared in the many hits which composed it. Miss Ella Gilbert was the leader in the burlesque. She sang the solos in "Popularity" and "Say You Love Me, Sue." Miss Stafford was the Laza in the burlesque of that play. A scene from the Turtle was given with much effect by Miss Almee Lewis and Messrs. Curtis, Wooley and Reid. There were numerous good dances and choruses, in which the principals were aided by Misses Minnie Desmond, Grace Hale, Mae Leslie, Gloria Martinez, Bessie Brown, Maud Gordon and Dolly Earle.

The company will repeat the performance this and tomorrow evenings and tomorrow afternoon.

CAUGHT AT LAST

MAGGIE FITZGERALD RAN AWAY TWO YEARS AGO.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 29.—Margaret Fitzgerald, 16 years, was arrested here last night as a wayward child and held for her father, Edward Fitzgerald of Brockton, Mass., who came here for her today. Margaret ran away from home in Dover two years ago last June, and has lived a somewhat wayward life in various New England cities.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

Chinatown District Has Been Placed in Quarantine

THE NATIONAL GUARD ON DUTY

Health Regulations to Prevent Spread of Disease

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mail advices to the Associated Press from Honolulu give additional details of the bubonic plague which has appeared there and indicate that the conditions are not very alarming. Five deaths have occurred, one native and four Chinese. No deaths have occurred since December 12.

A quarantine system for island vessels was established and a district practically co-extensive with Chinatown was put in quarantine. Volunteer inspectors were called for and the work of cleaning this district was at once begun. The next day the national guard was called out and has since been doing duty, guarding the quarantined district.

Chinatown, the seat of the trouble is now undergoing thorough cleaning and it is believed that the scourge has been stamped out. It is thought that the germs of the plague were brought from Kobe, Japan, on the Norwegian steamer Thyleula, which arrived at Honolulu.

HEALTH REGULATIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mail advices from Honolulu to the Associated Press regarding the bubonic plague situation, say:

President Dole, while realizing the seriousness of the situation, does not believe there is much cause for alarm. The president thinks there is no danger to those whose houses, persons and food are cleanly. He has unbounded confidence in the ability of the board of health to quickly stamp out the disease.

Some physicians claim that the disease is not the black plague. Public opinion is divided, many believing that if the plague were present in Honolulu the inhabitants of Chinatown would be carried off by the hundreds on account of the filthy condition of the district. Another interesting phase of the case is the fact that no Japanese has been attacked. They live in large numbers in the quarantined district. The council of state met in extraordinary session on December 12, and appropriated $250,000 for immediate use by the board of health in combating the plague. The following regulations regarding inter-island steamers was adopted by the board of health:

"No steamers will be allowed to leave the port of Honolulu for any other port in the islands except the island of Oahu, without first undergoing a quarantine of seven days. No Chinese or Japanese freight of any description will be allowed shipment."

The outside islands have been notified of the situation in Honolulu. All of the districts outside of Honolulu are in a clean condition and there is little danger that the plague will gain a foothold in the other islands.

The Sixth artillery has been quarantined against Honolulu. There are 200 men at Honolulu. They are confined strictly to camp and are not allowed to visit any other place. The National Guard has instructions to arrest any artilleryman found in town. This is at the request of Major Mills.

Col. Beck of the transport Warren has decided to heave her anchor at about noon on December 16, and steam away for Manila, leaving only island boats in quarantine. The time limit for development of the plague had not elapsed since the men of the Warren were on shore and all over the infected district, but the surgeons on board the vessel had some doubts that it was the plague. If cases develop, the Warren will not be far from port and can put back.

GEN. BLACKMAR

A CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Gen. Wilmot W. Blackmar is possibly the best-known G. A. R. man in Massachusetts, and his comrades will be delighted to hear that he has allowed his name to be used in the coming election for the junior vice commander of the department.

At the last meeting of Edward W. Kinsley post, 113, of Boston, of which Gen. Blackmar is an honored member, resolutions were were adopted indorsing him for the position, and a committee was appointed with full powers to use all honorable means to secure his election.

TEMPERATE LIFE

WAS THAT LED BY GEORGE BLAKEMAN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DERBY, Conn., Dec. 29.—George Blakeman, the oldest man in this city, and believed to be the oldest mason in the United States, died this morning at the age of 100 years, two months and 13 days. Mr. Blakeman's life has been a living sermon of temperance and frugal living. At the age of 21 he was a sickly young man, but by the avoidance of all medicine and the most simple diet, he had since acquired robust health. He was a shoe manufacturer.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A very pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Whitcomb of 9 Waterford street Wednesday evening. About 25 of her young friends attended and before leaving presented her with a very beautiful marble clock. Supper was served during the evening and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed. Miss Jennie Mugbrie made the presentation speech in a very creditable manner.

During the evening Miss Sadie Gilbride and Miss Annie Walsh rendered piano and violin selections. Miss Lillie Donahue also rendered several very pleasing recitations.

Fancy Dress Ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

This is the Season for Ball Parties and Weddings

And of course it is quite necessary to have a supply of sweet bread for these occasion, and Peter Watson's, the king baker of the city, is the place to get your Bakery Supplies. There is none better in the city than you can get at

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52 to 60 Charles St.,
46 Lawrence St.

NAVAL INCREASE

France Wants to Enlarge Her Fleet

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The government will submit to the chamber of deputies at the beginning of January a bill providing for the defense of the French coasts and colonies and to increase the strength of the fleet. This does not involve an increase in the expenses. The cost of the defense of the coast and colonies is estimated at 120,000,000 francs, spread over 2 1-2 years. This sum will be provided for by 50,000,000 francs annually, set aside to pay off certain bonds, and which become free this year by the final repayment of these bonds. The expense of the increase of the fleet will be met by utilizing 60,000,000 francs out of the 105,000,000 francs annually devoted to the construction of new vessels. At the end of two years, the whole 105,000,000 francs can be devoted to the new naval program.

BIG SUIT

ENTERED AGAINST A CHICAGO HOSPITAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Henriette Phillips, of Racine, Wis., has entered a suit in the circuit court of that county against the Presbyterian hospital of Chicago, for $10,000 damages. She claims to have been made an invalid for life by the mistake of a nurse in giving her a dose of medicine intended for another person. The hospital authorities admit that an error was made by one of the nurses, but declare that the medicine given was harmless.

BANK ACCOUNT ATTACHED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 29.—A Danielson despatch says:

The bank account of F. A. Rogers & Co., bankers and brokers, of Boston, has been attached by Myron L. Derrick and Charles F. Hutchinson, formerly copartners, as Derrick, Hutchinson & Co., of Boston, for $35,000. It is on account of some stock deals made during 1892-94.

Attention of Sun readers is directed to an ad. calling for information regarding a family named McEwan in an other column.

Artificial Teeth.

If nature did not provide you with good teeth, then have a set made. Dr. Simmons will make you a set of the best for $5. If you have a set you are not pleased with, you can have them put on a new plate for $3.00. Dr. S. H. Simmons, 318 Central street.

Paine's Celery Compound - - 64c
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For a Christmas Present BUY A "SINGER"

Singer Machines last longest. The lightest running and simplest vibrator in the world.

We have only one grade and that is acknowledged throughout the world as the BEST. Elegant woodwork for the holidays. Maple, Oak, Mahogany and Walnut. Sold on liberal instalments or a low price for cash.

Needles and parts for all makes. Lowell office, 175 Middlesex street.

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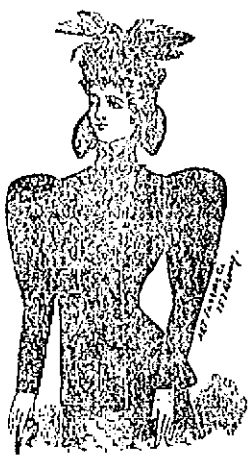
Smokers will find them A1 quality. JOHN F. BUCKLEY, City Salesman, with Bartlett & Buckley.



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50 new ones to select from, each garment warranted. Grand values at $15, $25 and $32.50.

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Marten trimmed, $25, $30 and $37.50, were $35 to $50.

Marten Capes, 30 inches long, fine quality, $67.50.

NECK SCARFS

Ladies' Electric Scarfs, $1.98, $2.98 to $1.98.

Ladies' French Marten Scarfs, $2.98 to $4.98.

Ladies' Marten (skunk) Scarfs, $5 to $10.

Ladies' Genuine Milk Storm Collars, $25 quality $17.50, $35 quality $22.50.

COLLARETTES

25 different styles big values at $2.98 to $15. Were $5 to $25.

MUFFS

Sheared Coney Muffs in black, well padded, $1.25.

Water Mink Muffs, $1.98.

French Marten Muffs, $1.98.

Elegant Muffs at $4.98, $7.50 and $10.98

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AFTER CHRISTMAS MARK DOWN

A great cut in the price of Jackets. Fine quality, well made, well lined.

GARMENTS

Never were so cheap. Jackets at $3.98, were $6.50.

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Electric and Near Seal Jackets cheap to close out.

The Latest Style in Skirts.

MANY GUESTS

INVITED TO ATTEND THE MATHEWS' BANQUET.

The arrangements for the anniversary banquet of the Mathew Temperance Institute are completed. The guests of the society on that occasion will be: Mayor Crowley, Rev. Thomas F. McManus of Brookline, Rev. Walter V. Shenley of Hartford, Rev. Francis Matey of Charlestown, General Manager E. P. Sullivan of the Consolidated Electric Railway companies; E. W. Thomas, agent of the Tremont & Suffolk mills, Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board; Hugh J. Molloy of the Normal school; A. L. Bacheller, principal of the Green school; Solon W. Stevens, Esq.; James Jeffrey Roche of the Boston Pilot and the officers of the Archdiocesan union. Mayor Crowley will be one of the speakers.

LANDSLIDE IN IRELAND

SWEPT AWAY TWO FARM-HOUSES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Severe gales, rains and snowstorms are reported in the mountains of Ireland. At Nenagh near the Nenagh river, a landslide followed by a rush of water, swept away two farm-houses with their occupants. Much damage has been done to other property.

TO MAKE A SETTLEMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Creditors of Erastus Wiman are about to be partially settled with at the rate of 63.163 of one cent on the dollar. A decree was signed yesterday by Justice Gaynor authorizing David Bennett King, as assignee, to make final settlement with the assets in his possession.

ANNUAL BALL.

Tonight at Associate hall, Court Middlesex, Foresters of America, will hold its annual ball and the affair promises to be a grand success.

DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

MAY BE HELD IN KANSAS CITY OR MILWAUKEE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The democratic national convention is likely to be held either at Milwaukee or Kansas City. Col. Bryan will, of course, be named for president. The vice president will probably be awarded to New York. The national campaign headquarters may be located in Washington." This spoke Chairman Elliot Danforth, of the democratic state executive committee, on his return from a trip through the south.

He had long conferences with Chairman James K. Jones and other members of the democratic committee, and found them strongly opposed to holding the convention in Chicago, New York or Cincinnati.

"During my trip," continued Chairman Danforth, "I found an overwhelming sentiment in favor of making anti-trusts and anti-imperialism the paramount issues. There seemed a disposition to make free silver a less prominent factor than it was in 1896.

"The identification of the McKinley administration with the standard oil and other monopolies, together with the secretary of the treasury's open attempt to establish a great government depository controlled by the Rockefellers, has accentuated the belief that the democracy must make anti-trust one of the great war cries."

"Are you a candidate for vice president?"

"I am not," blushingly replied Mr. Danforth.

Handsome souvenirs at Foresters' Ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 31 MERK ST.

BIG REVOLUTION

To Take Place in the Shoe Workers' Ranks

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 29.—A complete revolution in the union shoe workers ranks of Haverhill is scheduled to take place before the expiration of the present week, if plans which have been made do not miscarry, and local unions will be independent of affiliations with national bodies.

Commencing with the action taken by Union No. 2, B. & S. W., at the convention recently held in Lafayette hall, the new movement has steadily advanced and has been crystallized in the proposed action of other unions during the present week. The independent basis of action and existence is preferred by local union shoeworkers, and plans for a successful inauguration of independence are perfected and now simply await final action.

It has been authoritatively stated that by tonight the charters of Union No. 2, B. & S. W., composed of the turned workmen; Union No. 1, composed of machine operators; Union No. 6, made up of stitchers, and Union No. 191, consisting of McKay stitchers, will have surrendered their charters to the national body and will then be independent. Furthermore, it is asserted that the Central Labor union will cut loose from the American Federation of Labor, with which it is affiliated, by surrendering its charter, and Haverhill unions will then be mobilized, so to speak, by themselves.

Upon the books of the unions are found 2900 names of members who are considered eligible to vote, their dues not being in arrears more than the limit allows, and by counting in numerous others who have allowed their accounts to lapse, the number is largely increased. It is now expected that the new Cutters' union will adopt the policy taken by the aforesaid unions.

With the approach of the new year, which means the reorganization of the local unions, comes the election of the new officers to serve during the ensuing twelve months. The berth of agent is most prominent, and the term of service enjoyed by Agent Donovan, the present incumbent, expires Saturday night. As yet there has been no aspirant for the berth, and it is generally conceded that Agent Donovan will be re-elected. He will doubtless be appointed temporarily to continue his duties until the election occurs. In the union offices it is not expected that any general change will occur. Delegates to the Central Labor union and the shoe council will be elected and there will be some changes in this direction. The election of general officials for the new independent organization will be held the first of the new year, but it is now planned, according to reliable reports, to have the shoe council compose the executive head of the general organization.

The work of reorganization will be pushed rapidly and without delay, as the first of the new year will also witness the beginning of the readjustment of wage scales for 1900 in the local factories. As previously stated in the papers, the work will be made general than usual, inasmuch as several branches of shoe labor will be attended to and the members benefited by increases in wages if possible.

The new Cutters' union is particularly active in this movement, being impelled to action on account of several slight increases in several local factories, which are regarded as being made by manufacturers simply in anticipation of the move expected from the union. It is intimated that this union will commence its campaign by introducing a price list in one of the largest non-union shops in the city.

JOHN Y. DATER

TURNS THE TABLES ON A PASTOR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. John Y. Dater, editor of the Ramsey's Journal, who was suspended from the local Christian Reformed church by the Rev. J. N. Trompen for taking photographs on Sunday, has been reinstated at a special session of the classes at Hackensack.

The editor appealed his suspension, and Dominie Trompen, in anticipation of this appeal, held the church annual meeting a few weeks ago, instead of waiting till the regular date in February.

The Classis not only restored Editor Dater, but decided that the annual meeting was illegal.

The charge against Pastor Trompen of speaking ill of Mrs. Dater, was also taken up. Mrs. Dater was exonerated and Pastor Trompen requested to make a public apology to Mrs. Dater.

Dominie Trompen was not present, and President John C. Voorhis offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Rev. J. N. Trompen be cited to appear before the Classis on January 9 and answer to the following charges: First, disloyalty to Classis; second, open rebellion to ordination vows; third, insubordination; fourth, criminal abuse.

The latter charge is that of alleged cruelty to Frances Keider, an adopted girl. The Rev. S. I. Vanderbeek, father of Mrs. Dater, is in receipt of a letter from the father of the girl, which will be offered at the trial of the pastor.

DOROTHY DENE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Miss Dorothy Dene, the actress, died yesterday in London. She toured the United States in 1893, and sat to the late Lord Frederick Leighton, the painter, as a model for some of his best pictures.

After a

Bath

Dr. H. C. Bullock, of Hartford, says: You will find Comfort Powder the best in the world. It makes a delicate covering over the sensitive skin, cures heat eruptions, chafing, and roughness.

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renders the flesh sweet, smooth, and healthy. It should be in every house for every mother, father, and babe. Please try it.

Toilet Stores, 25c. and 50c. Sample free. COMFORT POWDER CO., HARTFORD, CT.

MACRUM'S CASE

Becomes More Interesting as He Nears Home

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The case of Consul Charles E. Macrum, the United States representative at Pretoria who insisted on being relieved at the time the South African crisis became most acute, is assuming additional importance as Mr. Macrum nears home. The understanding at the state department is that he is not coming by way of the English ports, but is on a German ship which comes through the Mediterranean and thence direct to this country, the trip taking about six weeks from December 18th last, the date of his sailing from Lourenzo Marques.

In the present aspect of the case, there is little doubt that unless the consul presents ample explanation for his course he will not continue in the consular service.

It has been reported that the mystery surrounding his departure had been cleared up by a letter from him to Representative Taylor of Ohio, who represents the district from which Macrum comes and who secured his appointment as consul. But Mr. Taylor said today that he had heard nothing from Macrum, except indirectly through his letters to relatives. These give no intimation of the cause of his return, but speak of the excitement incident to the war and the hurried preparations on both sides. There is nothing, however, to show a pro-Boer or an anti-British inclination, nor is there any discussion of the political aspect of the war.

KILLED MISSIONARIES

EXPEDITION TO PUNISH HEBRIDE SAVAGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—At the request of missionaries of the New Hebrides group a punitive expedition has been sent from Sydney to Tanna by Admiral Pearson of the British navy. Advices of the outrages by the natives brought here a month ago are duplicated by the latest Australian papers culminating in the attempted massacre of all white missionaries.

The villages where the offenders reside were burned by blue jackets.

BANK FAILURE

A CHICAGO FIRM WITH BOSTON CONNECTIONS GOES DOWN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Henry L. Mills of this city, formerly connected with several large firms in Boston, filed yesterday a petition in bankruptcy in which he scheduled liabilities aggregating $768,891. His assets are placed at $10,000. Of the scheduled indebtedness, all but $540,032 is said to be due on notes for which other parties are liable. All the debts were contracted before 1893, at which time the petitioner made an assignment and many creditors were paid. The largest creditors are: Blackstone National bank, Boston, $25,000; I. N. Keith, Sagamore, Mass., $57,000; J. P. Moore and company, Boston, $37,000; Manchester National bank, New Hampshire, $53,000; Greenleaf Simpson, Boston, $73,000; Chicago Furniture company, $20,000; Faneuil hall National bank, Boston, $60,000; Market National bank, Boston, $101,000; W. M. Parker, Manchester, N. H., $22,850.

CENSUS OF 1900

Active Enumeration Will Begin About Next June

"The twelfth census of the United States, the plans for which are already well on the way, will be begun, so far as regards active enumeration, on June 1, 1900," says the Chicago Record. "It will be the first census in which all the work of recording and computing statistics is to be done by mechanical means. Electrical tabulating machines were introduced for this purpose toward the close of the eleventh census, but in the coming enumeration they will be relied upon entirely. Without such assistance the taking of the twelfth census would be practically an impossibility. In the eleventh census it was seven years before the final volume of the principal report—that on population—was off the presses. In the census of 1850 the last volume was published in 1859. Congress stipulates that the four principal reports of the coming enumeration—on population, mortality, agriculture and manufactures—must be ready for publication on July 1, 1902. In addition to this strict time limit are to be taken into consideration the entirely changed conditions of the next census. It will embrace for the first time the inhabitants of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, and will count 75,000,0000 people. Concerning each of these human beings, who are scattered over some four million square miles of the earth's surface, a dozen facts must be recorded. The taking of the census will occupy the services of more than 40,000 persons. The members of the field force—by themselves nearly 40,000—will forward their data to headquarters in Washington, where it will be compiled and prepared for publication by a staff of 300 clerks in the central office. Each of the 75,000,000 cards used, on which are punched the statistics concerning each person, are numbered to correspond with the numbers opposite the names in the schedules. They contain 228 symbols, each of which is an abbreviation representing some fact within the range of the census enumeration. They are punched by means of a machine something like a typewriter as a clerk reads from the schedule the required information is imparted to the operator at the keyboard. In this way 700 cards can be disposed of in one day by one clerk. 1000 clerks are to be put to this special work. From the punching machine the record cards go to the electric tabulating machine, which collects all the information they convey and puts it into systematized form. One machine does the labor of 20 clerks under the old system. From here the record slips pass to a force of 1000 clerks who make up the tables and prepare copy for the printers."

ASSIGNEE CHAPLIN

ISSUES A STATEMENT TO THE SQUIRE CREDITORS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—H. W. Chaplin, assignee of the John P. Squire corporation, which failed a short time ago, has issued a statement to the creditors of the firm and all its branches and of Fred F. Squire, Frank O. Squire and John P. Squire, who have done business in their individual names and also as co-partners in various firms, to the effect that by deeds, dated December 15, 1899, the various firms and individuals made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors to him.

Each assignment provides that the creditors might substitute an assignee of their own selection.

The individuals, firms and corporations to whom this circular is addressed were all closely affiliated with John P. Squire & Co., either as purchasers from that corporation or otherwise. In most, if not all cases John P. Squire and company is the chief creditor.

The statement then says that relations of John P. Squire & Co. with these other individuals and concerns were so extensive and varied that the affairs of no one of them can be settled independently of the settlement of the affairs of John P. Squire & Co.

The magnitude and complexity of the dealings, in commercial paper and otherwise, between John P. Squire & Co. and other individual, firms and corporations, make it impossible to make, in the case of any concern, a listing of the assets and liabilities of any practical value without the tabulation of the assets and liabilities of the different concerns taken as a whole including John P. Squire & Co., and of the relative rights and liabilities of the different concerns.

An approximate statement may be expected shortly of the agreegate assets of all the individuals and concerns including John P. Squire & Co. and of the aggregate sum required to pay all the creditors of all the individuals and concerns.

FOUND DEAD

HERMIT OF SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN PASSED AWAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MOSCOW, Me., Dec. 29.—Word was received here yesterday that William Ellersley, 65 years of age, who was widely known as the hermit of Sugar Loaf mountain, was found dead in his hut on Christmas Day by John Green, a guide. It was apparent that Ellersley had been dead for a long time.

News of the death of this man recalls the story of the cause of his withdrawal from society. He was a veteran of the civil war. When he started for the front, he deeded his property to his brother, as a means of protecting his wife and child. On his return from the war, he found his brother unwilling to restore the property and that the wife sustained this action. Ellersley at once left the locality and withdrew to Carratunk Plantation, establishing his home on the mountain. The brother in whose care Ellersley had left his wife, and the woman went to Wisconsin together. Both perished in a prairie fire which swept over the section in which they lived several years ago.

ASST. CHIEF NORTON

WILL ASSUME HIS DUTIES NEXT MONDAY.

James F. Norton, who was appointed assistant chief of the fire department will assume the duties of the office next Monday. Mr. Norton is one of the oldest men in point of service in the fire department and has been a member of the board of engineers for a number of years. When the office of assistant chief was created, he was appointed to the position but the city council failed to decide upon a salary. Therefore the position was only one of honor. The city council at the last meeting voted a salary of $1400 per annum to the assistant chief; so Assistant Norton will proceed to take possession. He will leave the employ of the H. B. Barker Co., where he has worked thirty-four years, tomorrow evening. As assistant chief he will be obliged to respond to all alarms.

ALUMNI MEET.

The alumni of the Lowel State Normal school held their first annual meeting yesterday and elected the following officers: President, Katharine M. Crowley; vice president, Ethel Kimball; secretary, Maude Jarvis; treasurer, Mary Devine; entertainment committee, Clotilde Delaney, Charlotte Walsh.

Good for Them

Keystone Silver White Gelatine makes the ideal food for children. The nutritive value of gelatine is recognized in the leading hospitals where it is served to children and convalescents. It is prescribed by the leading physicians of England and France; endorsed by trained nurses everywhere.

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If your grocer cannot supply you send us his name and we will send you a sample package free with recipes by the leading cooks of the country. A full size box mailed for 15 cents.

MICHIGAN CARBON WORKS, Detroit, Mich. The largest makers of gelatine in the world.

Bon Marché

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Great Values —IN— WINTER UNDERWEAR

Dolls! Dolls! —AT— 1-2 Price and Less TO CLEAN UP.

Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' Jersey Vests, only 15 cents.
Ladies' Jersey Vests and Pants, fleece lined, a bargain at 19 cents.
Fine Jersey Vests and Pants, heavily fleeced, 25 cents.
Regular 50c. Vests and Pants, improved sleeve gussets, etc., 39 cents.
Some great values in heavy Jersey Vests and Pants 49c.

Children's Underwear.

Children's heavy ribbed Jersey Vests and Pants 12 1-2 cents.
Misses' and Children's Combination Suits, fleeced Jersey, 25 cents.
Boys' heavy Grey Shirts and Drawers 25 cents.
Misses' heavy well made Jersey Vests and Pants, fleece lined, 49 cents.

Men's Underwear.

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SQUIRE QUA "UP AGAINST IT NOW

New Government Dislikes Voting Rule

Though Inauguration Day is not yet here, our new board of aldermen has begun to feel its own importance and is telling its friends of the great things it has in contemplation.

Five of the aldermen reside in Centralville, Messrs. Paige, Bauger, Beaulieu, Taylor and Whittet and it is said they have agreed to agree on all matters that will benefit Centralville for by acting together they can accomplish much good or bad for that fortunate section of the city. But with all of them from Centralville there is a possibility that the chairmanship of the board may go elsewhere as Alderman-elect Paige is disputing Alderman Taylor's title to the position and a third candidate may step in and grasp the plum while the neighbors fight. But it will be a great year for Centralville anyway, for it is now conceded that Councilman James Walker of this section of the city will be elected president of the common council.

But speaking of Centralville, Squire Qua is "up against it" for if George W. Poore, Esq., fails to defeat him, John F. Haskell will do the job, and the man of opinions will be known no more to city hall. City Solicitor Qua realizes that his chances are slim and he is worried and seeks democratic support for it was the democratic support which kept him in his job though from his action toward the democrats during the year, one would never guess the fact.

There is some objection to Mr. Poore on the ground that he has given his entire time to politics rather than the law and is probably "rusty" on law. But when George did practice he was known to be successful. Mr. Qua's friends want him retained in office, they ay in order that the tax cases may not suffer but Mr. Poore's friends reply that with the resources which Mr. Qua had he can get the same if not better results. It is certain that the democrats will have none of Mr. Qua and they are quite outspoken about it. There is one chance for Mr. Qua, however, and it is based upon a report that the republican aldermen-elect held a meeting recently and agreed not to vote for any candidate who shall be sent up from the lower branch by means of democratic support. If such is the fact, Mr. Qua will hold over for some time, as there is little fear of his name being sent up by the common council.

Captain Milton, they say, is out for the wool of the miscreant who stated in a local paper over his signature that he is not out against Gillow. This would mean that the captain is still out against the lieutenant despite that much-talked-of feeling of comradeship which breaks down party lines. Would the irate Captain tell the public just why he is opposed to Mr. Gillow? However, it seems that Gillow's chances improve as the days grow and the number of candidates increases. Gillow has dealt kindly with his democratic employes and it is quite probable that the democratic ten will show their appreciation of it by supporting him. The other candidates are Gershom H. Bassett, Vital Robert and Charles H. Varnum.

A prophet of the broiled live variety started a report yesterday that a deal was on to elect Fagan, Beals and Pinder. Such a combination could hardly be imagined, for they represent three opposing factions. Fagan, Beals and Wyman as the combination would have sounded more probable. Any way, the superintendency of the farm is not in the gift of the city council. The overseers of the poor will elect the superintendent of the poor farm, and despite the terrible efforts of Overseer Williams to pick flaws in Supt. Wyman's administration, the prospects are that the light will remain shining for Moses for another year at least.

Call at city hall at any time of day and you will run into from six to eight of the candidates for city messenger, for they are on hand at all hours. It has been said some of them take their lunch with them, while others sleep there. As they grow more numerous and more careworn, the smile on City Messenger Fagan's face broadens until now he says to himself. "What's the matter with you holding it down another year, Fagan?" Fagan is a long way from being defeated and his term of office does n't expire until February.

Nearly all the candidates for superintendent of common would gladly appoint a democrat as assistant super in order to get the democratic votes in the city council.

The entrance of Ether S. Foss into the contest for superintendent of streets puts a new appearance to the situation there and gives cold chills to Messrs. Cheney and George Evans. Laforest Beal's carries an air of confidence which leads one to believe that he knows just how he stands.

The situation at present appears to the writer as follows: For city messenger, Fagan or "Ren" Smith; superintendent of streets Beals or Foss; superintendent of commons Whittet or Tilton; city solicitor, Haskell or Poore; superintendent of farm Wyman; clerk of council, Wallace K. Parkin; and these without a struggle; city clerk, Dalman; superintendent state aid, Potter; city treasurer, Coburn; secretary overseers, Courtney; city engineer, Bowers; superintendent water works, Thomas; milk inspector, Allen.

And now the members of the new city government are kicking against the rule which requires them to stand and cry out the name of the candidate of their choice. One alderman said yesterday: "I will join hands with any one who have that rule repealed. It is not fair to us. The people in electing us do so by means of a secret ballot, yet our ballot for officers must be an open one. I think we should elect by a secret ballot as well as the people who elect us."

While the new rule prevents cuckooism, it is not acceptable to the men whom it governs and the inference is that were it not in vogue there would be some tall "trimming" this year.

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SHERIFF KILLED

BY A HUNTED FUGITIVE IN FLORIDA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MONTICELLO, Fla., Dec. 29.—Will Gorman, a negro, shot and killed Sheriff T. B. Simmons yesterday at the Saury place, six mile north of town. Gorman was wanted for murder and Simkins and a posse went to arrest him. They closed in on the cabin in which the negro was concealed. As Simkins pushed open the door Gorman shot him twice in the berast. The murderer escaped from the rear door, but was shot down and killed.

PINGREE'S RESOLUTION

KILLED IN MICHIGAN BY THREE VOTES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 29.—The senate yesterday killed the Pingree joint resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment permitting amending of the state tax laws, which had been passed by the house by a vote of 16 to 13. The senate passed a resolution to adjourn tomorrow. The large number of votes against the proposition was a surprise.

THIRD CONFERENCE

OF THE QUARTER AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Last night the third quarterly conference of St. Paul's church was held with the new presiding elder of the district, Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Mansfield presiding.

The pastor's report referred with gratitude to the work done during the quarter, the fact that all debts are paid and the good financial prospect. During the quarter seven have been received into the church on probation, and six into full membership. The report announced the special meetings to begin with a watch night service Sunday night. The topic for that night will be "The Great Prize Fight" (between good and evil). At 9 o'clock light refreshments will be served, and at 9.30 Rev. S. T. Ford of the First Baptist church will preach. Calendars have been issued, announcing the topics for each night during the three weeks following.

The reports of class leaders showed good attendance at the meetings, and Mr. William Brown, the Sunday school superintendent, reported the school in good working order. The treasurer's report showed a good financial basis on which to stand for the coming year, and the Epworth league was shown to be doing good work. The appropriation for music was made the same as last year, $450. A special committee on the Twentieth Century offering was appointed as follows: Charles J. Glidden, Dr. C. H. Stowell and Rev. L. W. Staples. This movement, now well under way, was suggested by the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church. It is proposed that the Methodist churches in the United States shall raise $20,000,000 before December 31, 1901, as a thank offering. The limit of time includes the last two years of the old century and the first year of the new, therefore the cancellation of the debt at St. Paul's will count in on that offering. A part of the money raised is to be spent in educational and special missionary work, and anything paid in on permanent church work in any way, will be included in this offering. It is the purpose also to gain two million converts during the same time. Mr. Edmund Mills of New York is the general secretary of the movement.

TROUBLE EXPECTED

UNLESS LOBSTER FISHERY ARGUMENT IS RENEWED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 29.—The modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland French shore lobster fishery will expire December 31st. Serious trouble will arise on the coast if this agreement is not renewed. The British government is now anxious regarding the action the island authorities will take. It is likely that the colony will agree to compromise the question in view of the British difficulties in South Africa.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last evening a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting was held by Highland Council, No. 970, Royal Arcanum. Reports were read stating that $300 had been paid to the widow of the late Erwin McKee, also to the widow of Brother F. N. Whittman. It was also voted to have a ladies' night, at the installation, the first meeting in January. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: R., E. G. Crokett; V. R., F. R. Murphy; O., J. W. Jackson; secretary, W. D. Hiet; C., A. M. Huntoon; treasurer, W. P. Butterfield; C., C. E. Stillings; G., W. E. Smith; W., C. E. Blaisdell; S., Fred Rand; representative to the grand council, Frank Dudge; alternate, George Barnes; trustees, A. G. Walsh and Alanson Gray.

At the regular meeting of Monomake Encampment, I. O. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were elected: William D. Brown, chief patriarch; Asa B. Hilliard, high priest; A. E. Lyford, senior warden; John F. Bateman, scribe; Rich Lamb, treasurer; Wm. M. Duzan, junior warden; trustees for three years, H. M. Gumb.

Last night the following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F.: E. W. Todd, noble grand; Oscar S. Jones, vice grand; J. A. Lawrence, recording secretary; A. C. Emery, treasurer, and Abbott Lawrence, financial secretary; trustees, W. O. Farrell, N. N. Johnson and Norman W. White.

Last evening a well attended meeting was held by Lowell lodge, K. of P., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C., M. W. Clark; V. C., Wm. McIntosh; P., J. A. Dow; M. of W., M. W. Wright; M. of F., John N. Crossen; M. of E., A. B. Bosca; K. of R. and S., Alexander Mack; M. at A., Robert Rutherford; representative, A. B. Bosca; trustee, A. T. Paige; inner guard, James Fulton. The length of knight was worked on 15 candidates.

Passaconway Tribe, No. 82, Improved Order of Red Men, held their regular meeting last night and elected the following officers: Senior sagamore, C. W. Hill; junior sagamore, P. J. Brainard; prophet, A. P. Swanson; chief of records, Arthur Garland; collector of wampum, M. C. Howell; keeper of wampum, E. T. Goward; trustee, L. T. Moody. Officers will be raised up Jan. 9. Deputy Orr of Reading will be at the installation the third meeting in January.

At a well attended meeting of Loyal Victoria lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., last night, Sister Ferguson was elected P. N. G.; M. A. Pass, N. G.; L. J. Mowatt, V. G.; L. Butterfield, C.; J. Cochrane, P. S.; A. Greenwood, treasurer; B. Paige, E. S.; N. Neil, warden; S. Whitworth, C. S.; E. Toy, I. G.; H. Murphy, O. G.; L. Laycock, trustee; Dr. Sweetser, physician; installing officer, Sister Fernley; chief of staff, J. Scoble. Refreshments were served. Installation will take place at the next meeting. An application to open a new lodge, to be known as Loyal Cambridge lodge of Cambridge was made and passed. The new lodge will commence operations Jan. 13, 1900.

Last evening was the regular meeting night of Court General Shields, Foresters of America. The meeting was largely attended and the principal business done was the election of officers which resulted as follows: C. R., Thomas E. Rourke; S. C. R., Frank J. Mullen; treasurer, M. McMullen; financial secretary, J. R. Sullivan; recording secretary, Jean C. O'Hare; S. W., T. Carty; S. B., W. Driscoll; J. B., J. Long; trustees, M. Moran and J. E. Mullen; C. G., D. Halliseey; physician, Dr. A. G. Halpin. Nine applications were received.

One proposition was received last night at the regular meeting of Bay State Colony, I. O. G. T., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Governor, Charles Carr; lieutenant-governor, Miss Ella Murphy; secretary, Henry Westerstrand; collector, A. M. Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Mrs. Williams; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Westerstrand; inside sentinel, Mrs. Johnson; outside sentinel, John Crawford. The officers will be installed January 11 and refreshments will be served.

At the regular meeting of Washington Commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, held last night, one new member was initiated. The officers for the next term were elected as follows:

N. C., Frances Ellen Morrison; V. N. C., Emma J. Field; prelate, Addie S. Howes; K. of R., George W. Poore; F. K. of R., Arthur L. Gray; treasurer, Luther H. Butterfield; herald, Se land M. Westcott; inner warden, Lizzie H. Thompson; outer warden, Ernest G. Mann; P. N. C., Stephen W. Hands; trustees, H. W. Tinker, Hector Turnbull and Edwin Sanborn; representatives to the grand commandery session, Ida M. Cunningham, Hector Turnbull, Arthur L. Gray and Annie J. Corson; alternate representatives, Emma J. Richardson, Louise Thorne, L. H. Butterfield and George F. Tilton, Jr.

Installation services will be held on Jan. 5th. Dr. F. W. Chadbourne is medical examiner for Washington Commandery.

COLD WEATHER

ACTS AS A TONIC TO THE SYSTEM.

Many persons regard the winter season sidered both uncomfortable to the body as an unfortunate visitation. It is considered harmful to the health. This is an error. Cold is a most potent agent for the restoration and preservation of normal activity on the part of the organs of the human body. It is a wise plan of Providence which gives us a change of seasons. The winter cold comes as a tonic to repair the injuries done by the enervating heat of summer. Summer, it is true, has many wise uses in the matter of health. It induces outdoor life, rids the system of poisons through copious perspiration, and through the scorching rays of the sun destroys germ life.

Winter is the great bracer of the system. It stimulates activity in every organ. When cold attacks the surface of the body and the blood is set into more free circulation as a means of bodily warmth. It is through the circulation of the blood that the human anatomy is kept in a state of repair. When the food has been digested and converted into liquid form it is taken up by the blood and carried the rounds of the system for the purpose of repairing the waste places. When the cold causes increased circulation it also brings about more perfect nutrition. Through demand for nutrient matter which quickened circulation causes there is improved digestion. The entire repair machinery is stimulated to renewed industry.

Wintry air, as is well known, brings with it a sense of renewed strength and vitality. The restorative power of cold is well illustrated in the case of a dash of cold water in the face of a fainting person. When a person is in a faint there is practical suspense of life for a time, yet the application of cold water to the face promptly restores circulation and renews life. This same fact is illustrated by the cold face bath on rising from bed in the morning. The Indians, who, if not now, in former days roamed our western borders, practically without clothing to shelter their bodies, became, through long exposure, so inured to the cold that it gave them but little discomfort.

Man's face and hands illustrate how weatherproof the body becomes when exposed to the air. Continued activity in circulation on the surface, caused by the air coming in contact with the skin, tends to nourish and thicken the skin. Thus man's skin grows thicker in winter. Just as animals are supplied with a double coat of fur to resist the cold. When springtime returns man's skin becomes thin and the animal sheds its top coat of fur. The savages who dwell bareheaded in the open air, are seldom if even, known to be afflicted with bald heads, while with the civilian who shields his scalp from the air, baldness is prevalent. A sure preventative of diphtheria, croup, and similar maladies among children is to bring about such vigorous circulation and vitality, through means of cold baths, as will render the children immune from attacks of the germs which cause these diseases.

SAVOY THEATRE

A fair-sized audience attended here last evening and enthusiastically applauded the excellent program which holds the boards this week. There are Beatrice Dollard, Lowell's sweet singer, who, assisted by Thos. F. Rielly, character comedian, opens the performance with a delightful comedy sketch. Then the Sheppards all but turned themselves inside out. They are French contortionists and are at the head of their class. Jones and Sutton, the swells of coondom, did some new cakewalk steps, which brought down the house, while their singing and soft shoe dancing was most pleasing. One of the best features of the program was the exquisite one-act comedy entitled, "The Counsel for the Defence," as presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robyns. The comedy is of the legitimate order and Mr. and Mrs. Robyns are two finished actors. Larry and Annie Conors, in an all round comedy sketch, including some funeral rag-time, kept the audience in good humor while Messrs. Sheppard, the choice pyramid equilibrist, made it hold its breath. The concluding number was perhaps the best of all. It was that of Martinetti and Grossi, a grotesque novelty musical team and one of the cleverest on the vaudeville stage. They produced harmony from nearly all their stage furnishings to the great delight of the audience, and Sig. Martinetti's impersonation of John Philip Sousa was one of the hits of the evening.

CONTRACT AWARDED

FOR PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING OF HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX.

The contract for the plumbing and for gas fixtures for the high school annex has been awarded to H. H. Wilder & Co. Bids were opened yesterday afternoon in the office of the superintendent of public buildings, and the bids were as follows: H. H. Wilder & Co., $1890; Thomas Mather, $1922; Drury & Green, $1949; Farrell & Conaton, $1960; Hanchett & McFadden, $1979; John H. Barry, $2020; E. J. Carroll & Co., $2071; Sweeney & Welch, $3129; H. R. Barker Mfg. Co., $3166; Scott & O'Day, $3181.

NEW HAMMER

RECENTLY INVENTED BY JOHN FLANAGAN.

John Flanagan, who now is in New Haven and proposes to make his permanent residence there, has developed an inventive turn of mind. Flanagan is the greatest hammer thrower the world has ever seen. His records clearly demonstrate that. So far as his natural ability as a hammer thrower was concerned he had about reached his limit, so he has turned his inventive genius to something whereby he can improve his record, says the New York Press. The result is he has invented a new ball bearing hammer.

The new hammer is very much like the ordinary hammer with the exception that the wire handle is so inserted in the hammer that the hammer when in the air revolves continually on a series of ball bearings. From his experiments with this hammer of his Flanagan is convinced that eight or ten feet can be added to his present record.

As soon as the hammer leaves the thrower's hands it goes through the air with a rapidity that is marvelous, and the head always is revolving. Besides the speed, it is claimed for the hammer that it is indestructible and that with its adoption the breaking of hammer handles will be a thing of the past.

Flanagan has exhibited his new hammer at Yale, and the athletes there are more than pleased with it. It is being used by Beck and the other noted weight throwers.

BODY RECOVERED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WEBSTER, Mass., Dec. 29—The body of Anthony Lelnowefer, 12 years old, was drawn to the surface of Lake Chaubunagungamaug by draggers today. He had attempted to skate on thin ice. This clears up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a person who was seen to venture out on the ice yesterday.

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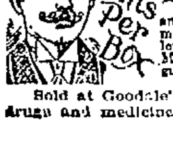

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WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 498 Market street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 10, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 463 Merrimack street. Tel. 689-4.

H-O-P-S viz H-O-P-S

Just received, 1,700 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer,
Good for Hop Bread.
Good for Hop Pillows.
Good for Home Brewing

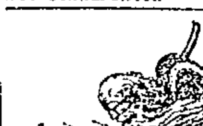
These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

STILES & CO., Charles and Central Sts. Lowell.

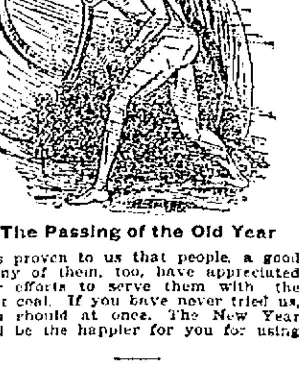
The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the "SINGER"

Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold. Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines. Old Machines taken in exchange.

The Singer M'f'g. Co., 175 Middlesex Street.



Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.



The Passing of the Old Year has proven to us that people, a good many of them, too, have appreciated our efforts to serve them with the best coal. If you have never tried us, you should at once. The New Year will be the happier for you for using it.

D. T. SULLIVAN, Coal, Wood, Lime, Etc. 984 Gorham St.

Branch Office, 227 Central street. Telephone 713-2

DR. WALKER DENTIST

Peter J. Brady, Grocer.

NEW STORE: Cor. Gorham and South Highland Streets

Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices

Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and Banquet."

WANTED.

WANTED—Table girl at 93 John street.

WANTED—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping, within eight minutes of post office. Address J. A., care Sun.

WANTED—A good sewer on plain white worsted. Steady work and good pay. Success Worsted Co., North Chelmsford, Mass.

WANTED—Experienced hustling general agent wanted in this territory on an article which sells at sight. $20 capital and references required. To experienced man, a good proposition. Address Eureka Coal Saver Co., 16 Westminster st., Providence, R. I.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply 31, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 155 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED— Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hatter in town where they make hats to order. 261 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the cutter, 114 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville. Rent $5. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Head, 164 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Beharrell, Room 8, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Fox hound, black, white and tan, left ear split. 5 Richmond avenue, off Lawrence street.

LOST—A black and tan hound, name on collar, G. Southworth. Finder rewarded by leaving at fourth house past Gun Club street, Chelmsford Centre.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 31 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St., Opposite American House. COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 153 Merrimack street. PHOTOGRAPHERS

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AS AN INVESTMENT DIAMONDS ARE MOST EXCELLENT

They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

GRANT'S The Reliable Jeweller, No. 64 Merrimack Street.

We Have Saved Thousands of Dollars

for the people of the city and suburbs and we have made money ourselves. The way that we save the money for our customers is that we clean, dye, and press ladies' and gents' clothing, also ribbons and feathers, gloves and almost all kinds of fabrics and make them almost as good as new at a very small cost at the

BAY STATE Dye Works

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Only $25.00 a Year, 6-Party Metallic Circuit, Unlimited Service for a Telephone at your Residence.

Can you afford to be without it? Manager will furnish all particulars.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.

When it comes to making overcoats we are right in it with the best of them for style and quality and as for price here is where we distance all our competitors. Our rent is low and we have a practical knowledge of our business. These are the plain facts of our being able to undersell our neighbors.

Call at A. M. BERTRAND, The Fashionable Tailor, 24 MIDDLE STREET

LOOK OVER Our Stock of Christmas Goods

Diamonds, $12 to $300
Watches, $2.75 to $150

C. W. Durant,

Central and Middle Sts., Lowell.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

UP-TO-DATE CALENDARS.

Our 1899 calendars are ready for distribution. Fire alarm on back. Call and get one. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 88 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 5 Merrimack square. Telephone 614-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

Try Horne's Coal.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 242 Mid'x St. Tel. 538-5.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 291-4.

AFTERNOON TEA.

Mrs. Adelbert Ames of Andover street gave a very pleasant tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lamer Dunn, formerly well known here as Miss Harriet Hurd. There were many guests and they were entertained with a pleasant little program of songs by Miss Harriet Conant, and violin solos by Mrs. Alexander F. Hobbs. Several young ladies assisted in the dining room, where a luncheon was served. The number included Mrs Ames, Mrs Blanche Ames, Miss Henrietta Hastings, Miss Elizabeth Farrington and others.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Miss Katherine B. Meloy entertained a number of her young friends at her home, 23 Fort Hill avenue, Wednesday afternoon. The affair proved very enjoyable, games being played, after which a short entertainment followed. There were piano solos by Miss Etta Hogan; songs by Miss Dorothy Hurd, readings by Misses Helen and Irene Hogan, mandolin solos by Master Carl Hurd and Miss Hortense Gallagher, vocal duet by Misses Florence and Marion Gallagher, and piano duet by Misses Irene and May Hogan.

T. H. BOYLE INJURED.

Thomas H. Boyle of this city while boarding an electric car in Lawrence Wednesday was thrown from the platform to the ground, receiving severe injuries to his limbs. Mr. Boyle and friends who were with him at the time of the accident claim that the conductor started the car before Mr. Boyle had got on the platform, remarking: "I can't wait for you fellows." Mr. Boyle will probably ask for an investigation.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Special meetings of both branches of the city council have been called for tonight to take action on some papers that were not in proper form when they were acted upon Tuesday night. They provided for appropriations for various purposes and did not state to what account, the expenditures were to be charged. One of the rules states that this must always be done and for that reason the mayor declined to record his approval.

The members of both branches of the new city government will assemble in their respective chambers Saturday night for the purpose of drawing seats for next year.

WATCH THE OLD AND NEW.

John street Congregational church will unite with the Central Methodist church, on the corner of John and Paige streets, in watch night services to commence at 8.15 p. m. Sunday evening and close at 12.10 a. m. Monday Jan. 1, 1900. The preachers at the services will be: Evangelist Telford of London, Eng., Revs. George H. Johnson and Thomas R. Judge. The services will be under the direction of Pastor Meredith. Worshipers may come and leave at times convenient to them. All will not be expected to stay until the services end. The union of churches in our city for watch night services is evidence of the true Christian unity among Lowell Christians. Verily the old days of intolerance are past, at least as far as Lowell is concerned.

PLAYS-PLAYERS

Happenings of World Behind the Footlights

In about five weeks James O'Neil will commence a notable engagement at the Boston Theatre in Liebler & Co's expensive production of Sydney Grundy's version of Alexandre Dumas' "The Musketeers." Mr. O'Neil has had enormous success thus far this season. He will also give a few performances of "Monte Cristo" during his Boston engagement.

"Bag Harbor," James A. Herne's great play, now in its third month at the Park Theatre, Boston, seems to have endless drawing powers for the people of Boston and vicinity. The souvenir night, or the hundredth performance on New Year's night will be a great occasion.

One of the most remarkable circumstances attending the production of "Ben-Hur" at the Broadway Theatre in New York is the fact that his massive production, with all its scenery, practical chariot race, horses and camel and 350 people, is effectively presented, on a stage but 70 feet wide and 40 feet deep.

"Theatrical Tidbits" makes these remarks about prevailing conditions in the amusement world in New England: "The popular price companies have become so numerous in New England that there is sure to be but one result and that is a survival of the fittest. The best organizations will live and the weak will surely have to succumb, owing to the fact that most of the cities in New England are getting too many attractions. There will be two extremes, the 10, 20 and 30 cent companies and the extreme high price attractions. The intermediate attractions are not doing a very prosperous business in most of the cities, especially the factory cities, and in fact the repertoire companies are not doing the business they did a few years ago. This is but a natural result of too much repertoire, which is but a repetition of the same thing week in and week out, and it is very rarely that one of these companies introduces a novelty. New England has seen but a comparatively small number of high grade attractions this season, owing to the fact that many of the large cities have had from 21 to 25 weeks of repertoire booked, and the big shows cannot afford to go into a city with a popular price company as an opposition. So successful has proved Clyde Fitch's "Sappho" that a No. 2 company has been organized and will play in territory not covered by Olga Nethersole. This is to prevent the introduction of other versions.

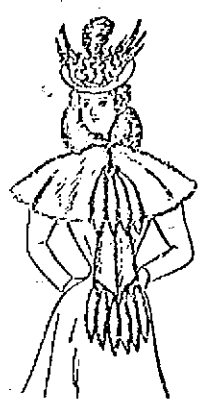
Maude Adams is to play Rosalind and Peg Woffington early in the new year.

Mrs. Fiske will begin an engagement in "Becky Sharpe" on New Year's night at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, when, in addition to a great actress ideally fitted with a part and surrounded by players who realize the other characters that are associated with Becky in "Vanity Fair," playgoers are promised one of the most elaborate and artistic productions of which the stage has a record.

The engagement is announced of Captain Thomas Livingston of Company C and Miss Ina M. Pinder.

W. W. Tuttle, probation officer, was on the street Wednesday after a severe illness.

Boston Cloak and Suit Store, 228 Merrimack St.



CLEARANCE SALE

OF

Ladies' Misses', Children's

Garments

150 Sample Jackets that were made to sell at $7.50 to $10. Sale price $4.98.

90 Sample Coats that were made to sell for $10 to $12.50. Sale price $7.98.

65 Cloth Capes, fur trimmed, that were made to sell for $8 to $10. Sale price $5.

Electric Seal Coats and Capes and all small Furs at greatly reduced prices.

Come and See Our Wonderful Bargains. Low Prices, But High Quality.

BOSTON CLOAK and SUIT STORE

228 MERRIMACK STREET,

OLD CITY HALL BLOCK.

A NEW EXPLOSIVE

Demonstrated Yesterday at Varnum's Landing

Yesterday afternoon Mr. G. M. Hathaway of Williamsburg, Penn., who is the inventor of one of the most powerful explosives, perhaps in the world, at least he claims it to be, gave a demonstration. This wonderful explosive is several times more powerful than dynamite and he has named it Marsitare, and in the presence of a number of prominent citizens and newspapermen he gave the demonstration at Varnum's Landing.

He broke a number of large stones and boulders and he also placed a piece of sheet steel about one-quarter of an inch in thickness over a block of iron, which had a hole in the centre about three inches in diameter and by placing a couple of ounces of this wonderful explosive on the plate of sheet steel immediately over the hole in the casting, and then by covering a cartridge of his own manufacture and by use of a battery, he cut a circle from this piece of sheet steel with as smooth an edge as if done by a giant die, such as would be used in the bolt works.

The peculiar part of this wonderful explosive is that it is in no way dangerous in handling, as clearly proved by lighting a match and putting it in the centre of a handful of the subtle material, of which no one knows what the composition is but the inventor. In appearance it looks like pulverized stone, or about the color of ground slate. There is no danger whatever with this as it takes an electric spark to ignite it.

The demonstration was certainly very interesting and the inventor very clearly and easily proved that he was able to do with his invention all that he claimed. This it would seem to us, would be the most valuable invention that could be possibly thought of for working in the Klondike regions, from the simple fact that it will work from the surface, striking a downward tendency and doing away with drilling. Much more might be said of this wonderful invention, but time and space prevent it.

HOODOO CLOCK

SCARED MAN AND ALARMED THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK Dec. 29—It was a hoodoo clock. Mrs Martha Chatfield, colored, knew, for hadn't it struck 13 and 13 and all the other numbers? So yesterday she went to Magistrate Mott, in the Yorkville police court and demanded a warrant for the arrest of the auctioneer who sold her the hoodoo.

She wandered into a Third avenue auction store on Saturday night, she said, where a man was trying to sell a bronze clock. He warranted it a genuine eight-day timepiece that would strike the hours and half hours with promptitude and precision. On the top was a statuette of Father Time with his scythe.

Three persons bid against Mrs. Chatfield. One was a man with cut lips as she said, another had a corncob pipe, and a third was a fat woman who dropped out when the bid reached $1.00. The clock was Mrs. Chatterfield's for $1.25 after a hot and spirited contest.

Mrs. Chatterfield lugged her treasure home, wound it up, and put it on a closet shelf to await Christmas, when she meant to give it to her husband Joshua. But at midnight they were awakened by an infernal noise.

"Wha's dat?" shrieked Joshua.

It was the clock striking. With chattering teeth, Joshua, who did not know there was a clock in the house at all, counted thirteen. For a minute the striking ceased and began all over again for another thirteen. Another rest and a third thirteen.

"Three thirteens" gibbered Jo-hua, palsied with fear, "dat am de debil's gig."

He covered his head under the bed clothes and as the clock had ceased he went to sleep.

Next day he thought he had dreamed it all and he was delighted with his Christmas present, the clock. But hardly had he put it on the mantelshelf when it struck forty-four.

"Dat am a hoodoo fo' sho'!" he exclaimed. "T'row it outen de winder."

Mrs. Chatfield tried to give the clock away. But the report that it was a hoodoo had gone round the neighborhood and no one would take it. A baby died with measles on the block and everybody blamed the clock.

And Mrs. Chatfield wanted the auctioneer arrested after this tale of woe and her $1.25 returned. Magistrate Mott however, thought it was a civil case.

"Dere ain't no justice eben agin a hoodoo," she muttered, flouncing out of court.

A POOR OUTLOOK

For the Ice Man This Season Around Here

"How would you like to be the ice man?"

It is hard to find one in this part of the country who would like to be the ice man just now. It has been suggested that the man who wrote the song had better rewrite it and make it a little more up to date.

To tell the truth, the ice man is at present far from being in an enviable condition. He looks the part, too, and, like Cassius, "hath a lean and hungry look." And there seems to be good reason for his appearance.

The mildness of the winter so far has given the ice man deep lines of anxiety on his brow. So far there have been no signs of his customary winter harvest—with its prospective harvest in the summer, as a sequel. And if the predictions of the weather prophets are even partially fulfilled, the ice man will have a very hard time of it.

All over New England the ice houses are nearly empty. The rivers and ponds, where, ordinarily, ice-cutting is in full swing at this season, or a little later, are still unfrozen. There seems to be little prospect that there will be much ice this year.

Naturally, the ice man feels that the weather-man is unkind to him.

Even "down in Maine," where the winters are usually more severe than here in Massachusetts, the prospect is no better. Advices from the Pine Tree state say that the predictions of an open winter in Maine seem likely to be fulfilled.

It is not all dark, however, for there is still ice on hand in some places, and, when the crop is short, prices are sure to be much higher than usual. Already the dealers are speculating on the prospect of another "boom" year, such as was experienced in 1899 and again in 1899, when warm seasons made ice scarce and prices high.

To offset the probability of high prices however, there is said to be a surplus of ice on the Hudson river, estimated at 1,000,000 tons, and in Maine about 450,000 tons. In Massachusetts there is also some surplus. This state of affairs, of course, cuts off much of the prospect of unusually high prices and helps make the ice man feel blue. But, as it is not often that he is "out in the cold," it is thought by some that a little change in this direction may do him no harm.

The prospect that the Merrimack and other streams will not close until January, if then, makes it seem that the ice season will be a short one, and that except under the most favorable conditions the crop must be short.

Altogether there would seem to be some reason for the ice man to look and feel somewhat "down in the mouth."

NEW TRUST

TO BE FORMED OF THE WAGNER AND PULLMAN CAR COMPANIES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29—Objection to the proposed merging of the Wagner Palace Car company into the Pullman Palace Car company on the ground that it will create a trust in and a monopoly of the sleeping and parlor car business is made in a bill filed yesterday in the circuit court by Truman A. Taylor of Alton, Ill., one of the shareholders of the Pullman company. The complaint asks that the injunction of the court be issued to restrain the consummation of the proposed purchase of the Wagner company by the Pullman company until the hearing of the suit has a final hearing that a perpetual order be entered, restraining the carrying out of the contemplated purchase or delivering of any of its stock to the Wagner company by any of its agents.

THREE YEARS

WILLIAM J. GILBERT SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—With Judge Fessenden on the bench in the Hampshire superior court yesterday, William J. Gilbert of Providence, for larceny from person was given from three to five years.

DION ALL RIGHT.

John Dion, the basket ball player, who had his leg broken in the first game between the Burkes and the P. A. C.'s, has now fully recovered the use of his limb and will be able soon to resume work. However, he will hardly be able to play basket ball again this season.

Great Mark Down Sale at Cooper's on Gorham St.

JACKETS—Jackets $1.98, worth $7.50; jackets $3.98, worth $10; jackets $5.98, worth $10; jackets $9.98, worth $16; jackets $12.50, worth $25.00.

CAPES—Capes $2.98, worth $5; capes $4.98, worth $8; capes $5.98, worth $10.

SUITS—Suits $5, worth $15; suits $7, worth $10; suits $8, worth $15.

FUR COLLARETTES AND SCARFS—Collarettes $3.98, worth $6; collarettes $6.98, worth $10—Scarfs $2.98, worth $5.

MUFFS—$1.25 up.

WRAPPERS from 25c up.

SKIRTS at less than half price.

OPEN EVENINGS.

COOPER'S Cozy Cloak and Suit Store, 313 Gorham St., one Minute's Walk From P. O.

Two Great Sales in One.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

And the Red, White and Blue Tag Sale at the

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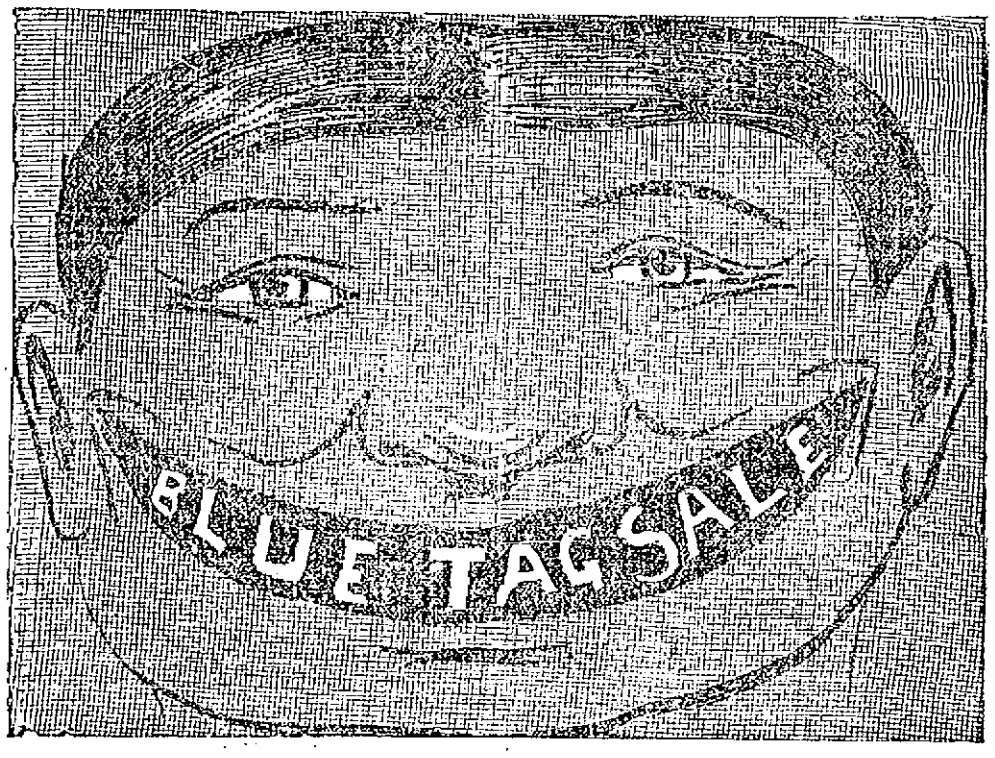
WAIT! WAIT! Store Closed 3 Days. WAIT! WAIT!

MARKING DOWN STOCK.

OPEN SATURDAY, Dec. 30, at 8 o'clock

IN EVERYBODY'S MOUTH.



IN EVERYBODY'S MOUTH.

Mr. A. Sydeman, the junior partner of The Blue Tag Store, on account of ill health, severs his connection with the concern and has decided to adopt the advice of his physician—to lay aside all business cares and will sail for Europe about March 1st. To satisfy the claim of the retiring partner money must be realized on the stock in the next sixty days. Entire stock must go regardless of value. No reasonable offer refused.

MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS	$1.98 Up
MEN'S BEAVER OVERCOATS	$3.48 "
MEN'S ULSTERS	$2.98 "
MEN'S SUITS	$2.98 "
MEN'S ALL WOOL SUITS	$3.98
MEN'S WORKING PANTS	87 cents
MEN'S WORSTED PANTS	$1.48
MEN'S CHINCHILLA REEFERS	$2.48
MEN'S ODD VESTS	48 cents
CHILDREN'S SUITS	87 cents up
KNEE PANTS	14 cents
MEN'S JAPONETTE INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS	5 cents each
MEN'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE HANDKERCHIEFS	2 cents each
MEN'S WINTER CAPS	19c, 23c, 45c
MEN'S STIFF AND SOFT HATS	45c, 98c, $1.25
MEN'S GREY HEAVY WEIGHT SHIRTS AND DRAWERS	19 cents
YOUNG MEN'S FLEECED SHIRTS AND DRAWERS	19 cents
MEN'S BLACK STRIPED OVERSHIRTS	23 cents
MEN'S AND BOYS' SWEATERS	29 cents
MEN'S SUSPENDERS	7 cents
MEN'S BLUE HOSE	8 cents
MEN'S OVERALLS AND JUMPERS	19c. 29c.

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M. J. MAHONEY, Manager